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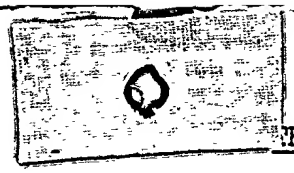

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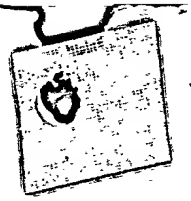

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FATHOMS DEEP. Republic Pictures is reportedly filming a good anti-Communist picture by this title. The Daily Worker has already warned its readers and camp followers to agitate, write, demonstrate, and boycott against its completion and showing. Legionnaires should urge their local * distributors to secure FATHOMS DEEP as soon as it is available.

KRAVCHENKO'S RE-ENTRY. One of the most effective antidotes for the tons of pro-Soviet propaganda, dumped on this country every year by hordes of busy and tireless pro-Russian apologists, has been Kravchenko's book, I CHOSE FREEDOM. Kravchenko is presently in Paris fighting a libel suit against several French Communist papers which libelled him. As a non-resident, Kravchenko secured an assurance from Attorney General Clark,

that he would [redacted] re-entry permit when the French trials are over. The Attorney General, under law, has the power to do this. The eternally vigilant and tireless Communists have now started a campaign to block Kravchenko's return. Phonies, posing as "patriotic Americans" and "conservatives hating Communism," are alleged to be writing letters to the Attorney General, demanding that "this notorious former Communist" be barred from re-entering. Legionnaires, as individuals and by Post and District action, should write to: Watson Miller, Commissioner of Immigration, Washington, D. C., warning against any smart-aleck, small fry, subordinates in the Department of Justice conniving at this Communist maneuver to bar from this country, one of their most hated enemies.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

During the past month several new and interesting developments were noticed on the Communist front. Complete Stalinist hypocrisy and cynicism was vividly disclosed to the whole world by Stalin's rapid change of tactics, from a phony "peace offensive" in January, to world-wide declarations, a month later, by his stooges. From Togliatti in Italy and Thorez in France, to Australian and American Communists (having absolutely no connection whatever with Moscow, you understand!) came word that they would sabotage their own country's war efforts and aid the Red Army. The complete contempt, with which the Russian leadership of world Communism regards the bourgeoisie of the world, could not be more adequately described or dramatically presented than in their own cynical change of tactics -- switching from the olive branch gestures, to open threats of treason. All this without even a momentary lowering of the curtain or a decent interval of time for appearance's sake. Even

appeasers in our State Department cannot fail to acquire a cheap education, and an insight into Communist psychology, by such naked and open displays of abysmal Bolshevik cynicism.

The Thorez declaration, that French Communists would welcome an invading Red Army with open arms and flowers if Stalin's bully-boys were forced to defend themselves against American war-mongers by chasing American troops out of Germany into France, leaves little to argument or doubt as to the basic loyalty of all Communists. That thousands of the best of our youth and manhood died in two wars to liberate France for these Muscovite traitors, is hardly a comforting reflection for the average Legionnaire or any other true American. These same French Quislings refused to come to the defense of their country when Hitler attacked in 1939, and many of the top leadership, Thorez included, fled in time of war to seek refuge in Russia. When they returned, instead of being tried for treason and desertion, they were welcomed home by a chicken-hearted French government, and permitted to hunt down and exterminate their enemies. The charges these traitors usually preferred in these cases were that these victims of Communist vengeance has been "collaborators and Nazi Quislings".

APPEAL TO TREASON - USA. In America, the statement that the Communist Party would not support or defend this country, in event of war, was issued on March 3, over the signatures of WILLIAM Z. FOSTER and FRANK WALDRON, alias EUGENE DENNIS. It did not at all surprise those familiar with American Communism, because substantially, the same admission of intended treason has been part and parcel of all open Communist Party line literature, since the inception of this Fifth Column thirty years ago. Foster, himself, reiterated it in great detail, last June before the Senate Judiciary Committee when he testified against the Mundt-Nixon Bill. The most recent re-affirmation of long established Communist policy is:

"In [redacted] Wall Street succeeded in [redacted] new [redacted], despite the efforts of [redacted] for[redacted]vent it; American Comm[redacted]d opp[redacted]n unjust, aggressive, imperia[redacted]war and would work with all democratic forces to bring that war to an end."

In his Senate Committee testimony, FOSTER admitted that American Communists would work "to bring the war to its earliest possible democratic end." Since "good old Joe, the prisoner of the Politburo," is the leader of the world's forces of peace and democracy, the inference as to who would dictate the peace terms is rather apparent.

President Truman's newspaper conference comment, that he had no comment, on the statements of "traitors" was quickly answered by the Communists with a page long article on Abraham Lincoln's alleged opposition to the Mexican war of 1847. The Daily Worker article was entitled, "Lincoln Too Was Called a Traitor".

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HENRY WALLACE, while also opposed to the Atlantic Pact, stated that he was in complete disagreement with the "wisdom" of the Thorez-Togliatti-Foster declaration.

This world-wide Communist "appeal to treason", is, of course, nothing more than Stalin's war-of-nerves answer to the North Atlantic Pact. The pact itself has received adequate press coverage and requires little further comment except that such a regional military defense agreement, essentially Maginot Line in scope, is obviously only a partial first-step answer to a titanic, world-wide political war stoked with limitless millions, propelled by a dynamic fanaticism still imperfectly understood by the West, and employing all the arts and techniques of the highly developed science of psychological, propaganda warfare.

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The Molotov-Vishinsky switch likewise has received wide, albeit speculative, coverage. The very fact that Vishinsky is not a member of the supreme Politburo, and has not been elevated to that body, and that Molotov has not been ousted from his politburo post, argues that the change is merely one of quarterbacks, presaging a change of tactics. Molotov definitely was not sent to the showers, ala Litvinov.

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An early convocation of the All-Union Party Congress, first since 1939, has aroused considerable interest and speculation. This supreme congress of the Communist Party, Soviet Union, elects members to the Politburo and is generally brought together only when major decisions must be made. Trotsky was expelled at the 15th Congress; the Trojan Horse policy was formulated at the 17th Congress, 1934; and Molotov replaced Litvinov shortly after the 18th Congress, in March 1939. There was no meeting of the Congress during the critical purge years of 1936-38, when thousands were liquidated.

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With the coming of summer, and military campaign weather, Europe is reported suffering war jitters again. Iran is under increasing Russian pressure and Stalin's agents are reported increasing their activities in the Near East. Iraq and Kurdistan are reported as hot spots of possible trouble in the near future. Turkey is fearful of renewed Soviet demands on the Dardenelles, Kars, and other points adjoining Soviet territory. Tito and Jugoslavia, at the moment, appear to be high on Stalin's work-sheet for drastic action. Increasing economic pressure on Jugoslavia is making Tito's position increasingly difficult, and while open military aggression is not immediately feared, stirring up the explosive Macedonian question would appear to be Stalin's

opening gambit [redacted] game for the [redacted] Cominform publications a[redacted] attacks on "Tito [redacted] Clicque" and Cominform agents are reported active throughout the Balkans, engendering hate and possible action against Tito and the Jugo-Slav Communist Party. The doubtful possibility of assassinating such a seasoned old Comintern hand as Tito has not been entirely given up as hopeless.

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ANNA LOUISE STRONG CASE

No mystery story in this. General treatment by newspapers and magazines here showed a high level of sophistication in that not one accepted the Soviet charge of espionage against her as having even the remotest probability. Even the Daily Worker limited itself to straight reporting of Moscow's dispatches without its usual interpretations and comments. America's leading Communist paper did get caught with its dialectics down when it boosted Miss Strong and her publication, TOMORROW'S CHINA, for the Pulitzer prize. All this was done just three days prior to the first intimation from Moscow that Miss Strong was no longer persona grata, after some thirty years of faithful and unbroken service to the Kremlin. She authored at least a dozen staunchly pro-Soviet books, and founded the Moscow News in 1930.

The National Guardian was the only one of the "faithful" to depart from the line with a spirited defense of Miss Strong.

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR A DEMOCRATIC FAR EASTERN POLICY, which published her latest book, TOMORROW'S CHINA, serialized in the Daily Worker, replied to a telephone inquiry with the following statement:

"Miss Strong's connection with our Committee, is as a reporter on China. Her writings are very valuable to the American people. We intend to continue to circulate her book."

The Washington, D. C. Communist BOOK SHOP also continues to display TOMORROW'S CHINA on its shelves.

Miss Strong, who once was an ardent admirer of Trotsky, and who tutored him in English, may also have suffered a slight infection of Titoism. Since 1946 she has been more active in connection with plugging Chinese Communists, than she has in pro-Soviet affairs. She has been highly laudatory of Mao Tse Tung as the sole contributor to Marxist-Leninism-Stalinism lately. So we now have, Marxist-Leninist-Stalinist-Tungism.

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WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING AND DOING

The National Committee, of the Communist Party USA, ordered all its clubs and units to "intensify the struggle for peace". Special meetings are to be called and each club is to distribute a minimum of 1000 copies of two statements recently issued by the party, on peace and the New York trial of eleven of its members. Lenin's fraudulent slogans, "Peace, Bread, Land" of 1917, which brought about the complete collapse of Russia as a fighting ally against Germany, have been transposed by his modern American disciples to, "Peace, Higher Wages, Civil Rights". Heavy propaganda emphasis is laid on the allegation that the New York trial is really a covert and sinister attack on labor, peace, and civil rights. Increasing space is being assigned in the party press to layoffs, unemployment, and cases of want and impoverishment. (See Monthly Priority Analysis) "Truman Depression Gets Under Way" is one of the headlines, linked with faked interviews taken from unemployed workers, not otherwise identified.

One of these [redacted], who claimed he vote[redacted] is approvingly quoted as [redacted]

> "I'm no Communist, but they know if they give us war - they'll get Communism. What the Hell have the people got to lose?...Nothing! So they'll go Communist - mark my words. I don't know much about politics, but I know that much." ("they" not further identified.)

Morale disintegration material is increasing. Lead editorials are headed up with such as: "Will Your Boy Die On Some Far-Off Battlefield?" Alleged suicides of unemployed are played up and tied in with "Billions Tossed Away On ECA, Greece, and Chiang Kai Shek While Americans Starve."

Scareheads in the Daily Worker warn that "The Atlantic Pact Perils Your Family". The North Atlantic Pact is also a "Coffin Maker's Bonus", according to another section of the same inspired source. Americans are solemnly assured that the pact "is rushing our country to economic crisis, reaction, witch-hunts at home, and to certain disaster and infinite suffering overseas." FOSTER openly warns that "an atomic war, if the people do not prevent it, would bring death to tens of millions of our people, and lay this country and the world in ruins." ISRAEL AMTER, in a long article, revives the March 6, 1930 giant demonstrations and riots at New York, with nostalgic fondness. Newcomers to the party are thereby indoctrinated and imbued with the glorious street-rioting traditions of the party in the past.

The Daily Worker devoted a full page to boosting two plays written by party-liners. These plays are; "The Big Knife" and "Death of A Salesman".

Chief Justice James H. Wolfe, of the Utah Supreme Court, was accorded the accolade of a front page Daily Worker boost when he recently protested the U. S. Government's prosecution of eleven top Communist Party leaders. The Chief Justice denounced the government for prosecuting

Communists for "mere advocacy of their political views."

The "fascist Ober Bill of Maryland" as well as other pending state legislative acts against Communism, made America's Stalinists very unhappy. Winston Churchill ("world's foremost salesman of sudden death"), Earl Browder, James Carey, Emil Rieve, David Dubinsky, Walter Reuther, Cardinal Spellman, and Michael Quill all came in for their share of Communist spleen and abuse.

Jewish Life, the monthly publication of Freiheit (Yiddish language party line daily), for April, devotes pages to attacking the Jewish Labor Committee as, "an enemy of the Jewish people," and spends more space vilifying many other anti-Communist Jews. An editorial covering two pages, heaps new Communist slanders on martyred Cardinal Mindszenty, and bitterly assails the American Jewish Committee, the Jewish War Veterans, Herbert Lehman, and others for protesting Hungary's farcical trial of the Catholic prelate.

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN moans that "Never was there a time when the Communist Party was under more vicious attack, than at present." American capitalists "are burned-up to the point of madness, that in their stronghold, their citadel...the richest, most vainglorious, most powerful, most arrogant, and best organized capitalist class in the world...should be confronted with a fearless party of American Communists, which challenge their plans and declaim our country for the people who inhabit it. OUR PARTY is fearless. We are not going into any holes or caverns...we're not folding our tents." La FLYNN then goes on to brag that they will recruit 5,000 new Communists by May 15, "in honor of William Z. Foster, our working class leader." She also spills the beans when she admits, "We are concentrating on basic industrial workers."

NEW TIMES devotes increasing space, in its latest issues to reach this country, to attacks on "American imperialism" and "encirclement of the Soviet Union". A long article by one V. Lutsky, devotes pages to tracing "American imperialist grabs" all over the world. Lutsky concludes his hair-raiser with a super-duper horror tale which we quote in toto and verbatim from page 8 of NEW TIMES for March 2:

> "A graphic example of the 'happiness' which the American 'civilizers' confer on the peoples of the underdeveloped areas is furnished by the appalling exploitation of workers at the enterprises of Aramco, the Arabian-American Oil Company in Saudi Arabia.
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> Aramco's workers are allowed only eight rest days in the year. They live in hovels made of mud or palm fronds; even the wretched company barracks take years to build. In 1947, the company made a profit of $68,000,000, but the wages of its 20,000 workers for the whole year scarcely amounted to one tenth of that sum. Barbaric medieval customs are assiduously fostered by the American 'civilizers' in Arabia. The slave trade is rife in the region of the concession. Workers are flogged for daring to listen to music, or to go to a movie, or taste any of the other benefits of civilization. The shocking practice of chopping off the hands of 'violators of the law' still persists in the territory of the concession. The Americans have only 'modernized' this medieval penalty. Now, the cleaver used is kept in a sterilizer in an Aramco hospital, and an American surgeon sews up the victim's stumps.
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> Aramco's workers are kept under police surveillance. Anyone who shows dissatisfaction is beaten up and driven from his job. Trade unions are forbidden in the concession, and the labour movement is presecuted."

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The major share of last month's space in the Daily Worker was naturally devoted to the New York trial and to attacks on Judge Medina. After nine weeks of patient listening, to endless Communist vituperation, false charges, piddling points of law, irrelevent minutia, and maddening stalling and back-pedaling, Judge Medina finally ordered the defense to prepare for trial, and began selecting a jury. Despite Communist false charges that New York County Federal juries were

"Penthouse, blue-ribbon juries from which Negroes, workers, women, Jews, and unemployed were carefully barred," the Communists were nettled to find the jury finally selected to be composed of seven women and five men. It was largely from the working-class, and contained two unemployed and three Negroes. The foreman of this jury is a Negress.

Notwithstanding the fact that Judge Medina has demonstrated amazing restraint and patience in the face of endless, maddening Communist needling and subtle torments, the Daily Worker paid its respects to the Job-like jurist in the following typical Communist vernacular:

> "For five weeks now, Judge Medina has striven to create a role for himself that Hollywood would envy. He cast himself in the role of a persecuted saint, a virtual St. Francis of Assisi, that is a soul of infinite patience, calm, courageous, wise, but who is beset by cruel barbarians who sit in the prisoners' dock. For a fact, a simple creature who reads the daily press would believe that the judge endures torments beyond human endurance. The press has rendered him a latter day martyr who awaits canonization to achieve immortality."
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> Further on the Daily Worker exposed the "saintly" judge as, "a hard-faced inflexible champion of a corrupt, dying order" who "barked savagely like a Tammany underling, to defense attorney Sacher, 'this time I am going to let you know that I am the boy who is running this show'."

March disclosed several significant changes of emphasis in official Communist publications. While the N. Y. trial, government loyalty program, and deportation proceedings against Communists continued to receive top billing as far as space was concerned, other items previously rating high precedence dropped down the list to give way to subjects apparently regarded as more important by the Communists. Union items jumped from fifth to second place, showing renewed Communist determination to recapture ground lost last year in the labor movement. Unemployment, lay-offs, wage cuts, and other "coming depression" types of news jumped to third place of importance.

Prior to J[illegible] Daily Worker and other C[illegible] carried practicall[illegible] classifiable under this he[illegible]

Increasingly heavy attacks on U. S. foreign policy, ERP, the defense of western Europe, and the Administration are reflected by the fact that these items last month jumped from eighth to fifth place of importance. It should also be noted that the classification "Morale disintegration material" is always misleadingly low in rating, because it is confined strictly to news items of a definitely and deliberately demoralizing character. As the sole purpose of all Communist propaganda, including distorted news items, is to undermine and destroy national morale, all other classifications as listed each month in this breakdown are invariably class-angled and biased as to extract the maximum possible morale disintegration poison against the justice of the American side of the story. In other words, there is very little straight objective reporting in any Communist paper as trained students well know. Practically everything which can be class-angled or distorted into defeatist and demoralization material is so treated.

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The physical means by which Communism has extended its power over half of Eurpoe and much of Asia have been holding the almost spellbound attention of the rest of the world since the surrenders of the fascist dictators. The pressure of Communist-trained, armed and ordered forces has proved indeed a fearful weapon, whether in the westward march across Europe, or in the continuing sweeps southward over Asia.

But there is another weapon in the use of which the Communists are masters, and which may actually represent the greatest ultimate danger to a free humanity. Propaganda is not the right name for this weapon, for it is not simply the art of persuasion. It is rather a formula, consisting of four highly perfected steps.

The first step is to discover, in the area under "attack", all considerable elements which tend toward disunity. There may not actually be any widespread disloyalty in the country in question; there doesn't need to be. However, in any state which has two or more active political groups, there is some essential difference of opinion.

The second step is to translate this disagreement into dissatisfaction and insecurity. There is no state in the world which claims or has any basis for claiming that it gives its people ideal welfare. Everywhere there is consciousness of the desire for better economic or social or political conditions. This second Communist weapon is the propagation of the belief that major parties are working against each other or for selfish ends, rather than for the people. This step is calculated to set the members of opposing parties ever more bitterly against each other, and to fill the people as a whole with distrust of

all parties.

The third step is to persuade the people that their troubles are the result of disunity (that same disunity which the Communists have intensified!) "What we need," they suavely argue (identifying themselves with the people), "is one central party which, since it has no political opposition, is free to give its every effort to the welfare of the people." Or: "Our country is a complete chaos; it can be no worse than it is. And one united, single-minded administration can immediately banish that chaos to the advantage of everyone except those who have selfishly taken advantage of the situation." Or still again: "This chaos of disunity is really a vacuum. While we have only small parties bickering with each other, we have in effect no government at all. We must hasten to fill that vacuum." For they recognize that political man, like nature, abhors a vacuum.

The fourth step is to fill the vacuum. This is done by force, as is the case in China, or by controlled election, as was the case in Poland and north Korea, or by sudden and violent coups d'etat such as happened in Czechoslovakia and Rumania. Where the forces of opposition to Communism are too alert for any of these methods to be carried out successfully, threat and guile are used to confuse voters in legitimate elections. This has been true in south Korea, in Italy, and in France.

And, where all "final" steps have failed, the first three are continued without abatement.

The Communists came to power in Russia by these steps. First they propagandized against the war (1914-18) with Germany, having realized that it afforded a basis for disunity in Russia (this combines the first two steps). Next, when their carefully created program of disunity worked, they blamed the loss of the war on that very disunity

(of course [illegible] cly claiming it as th[illegible]uct.) And finally, they offered the Russian people a po[illegible]ty and an economic program to fill the vacuum which they had virtually created.

An analysis of their operations in every area of the world since, will, I am confident, reveal the operation of the weapons or steps here outlined. In fact, Skolokoff's Quiet Don series (And Quiet Flows the Don, and The Don Flows Home to the Sea) is built upon these very steps in its story of the difficult winning of the democratically-minded Cossack to the Communist fold.

There is a deadly perfection in the attack. How can it be countered? The most important part of the answer is thatit can not be met successfully by force alone. For once a people becomes conscious of chaos or vacuum in its political or economic government, some positive action must be taken to fill the need for a purposeful, effective government. This is the problem faced by China, by France, by much, if not all of Germany, and to some extent by Korea, as well as by Burma and much of the Asian sub-continent.

We cannot merely keep military Communists under control. That is an essential step, but the second one in importance. Most of all we must labor to help every threatened nation or area to discover a sense of political and economic stability. Unless we accept this task unflinchingly and without stint of effort, we shall inevitably bow to the Communist advance.

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GEORGE SOKOLSKY, in a recent edition of his column "These Days" does a good recap on the failure of Hollywood to clean house. He points out that the members of the movie clan that went to bat for Americanism

at the House Committee hearings are the ones being boycotted. "They have been penalized for being Americans," Sokolsky says. Since this is the situation, Sokolsky goes on to say, "I will not see pictures they (all alleged Commies) make. 'I shall re-read the report on the subject by the House Committee on un-American activities, make a list of their names, and stay away from their pictures. If they penalize fine Americans, they cannot have my dollars. They will understand that." Most of the actors and directors being so penalized are members of the Motion Picture Alliance and the American-Jewish League Against Communism -- two of the most vigorous anti-Communist organizations in Los Angeles. The following ten individuals, associated with the movie industry, were cited for contempt of Congress and are those referred to in the above-quoted Sokolsky article:

John Howard Lawson
Edward Dmytryk
Herbert J. Biberman
Samuel Ornitz
Adrian Scott
Lester Cole
Alvah Bessie
Albert Maltz
Dalton Trumbo
Ring Lardner, Jr.

QUOTABLE QUOTES

NORMAN THOMAS, Socialist party leader recently said that Communist party members had no right to teach in public schools. In his speech, Mr. Thomas called members of the Communist party members of "a conspiracy" and added:

"No member of a conspiracy has the right to teach in our public schools if we are to continue to believe in democracy."

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The Policies Commission [illegible]onal Education Association announced today that it would publish policy recommendations soon on how United States schools should help "win the cold war against the Soviet Union."

The NEA quoted the commission's chairman, Dr. John K. Norton of Columbia University, as saying that commission members "believe the prospect that the cold war will continue into the adulthood of children now in school instensifies the responsibilities of teachers in the present international crisis."

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Ivan Bucar, Croatian born miner and farmer in Clairton, Pa.; had the following to say about his renegade daughter, Annabelle, now a darling of the Soviets who recently published an anti-American book in Moscow: "I worked hard on my farm to educate Annabelle and to send her to college. Maybe I'd been better off and she too, if she had no education. Anyway, from the bottom of my heart, I don't think Annabelle wrote that book or believes in the Russian government."

"All that is necessary for the triumph of evil, is for good men to do nothing." ... Edmund Burke.

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NOTICES

The CATECHETICAL GUILD, 145 East 5th Street, St. Paul, Minn., which published the anti-Communist comic book, "Is This Tomorrow", announces a new booklet, in full color, on CARDINAL MINDSZENTY, for April 15th publication. Price will be ninety cents (90¢) per hundred. "Is This Tomorrow", which sold over three million copies, so aroused the ire of the

Commies that the Daily Worker demanded that the U. S. Government suppress it.

There is a limited supply of issue #67 of ALERT still available. This is the issue devoted to the record of Carey McWilliams, veteran fellow traveler, according to ALERT, who is a very active lecturer that spent much of his time last winter covering the middle west. They are available on a first come, first serve basis...so get your request in right away. (ALERT, 127 South Broadway, Room 408, Los Angeles 12, Calif.; subscription rate $25.00 per year, issued weekly.)

PLAIN TALK, for April, has several important articles including one entitled "The Education of Judith Coplon" and another on Communist shenanigans in Columbia University, which every Legionnaire should read. Sample copies of this indispensable publication can be secured for twenty-five cents in stamps, direct from the publisher. (PLAIN TALK, 240 Madison Avenue, New York.)

The record of the tenure cases of dismissed Communists from Washington University can be secured by sending $1.50 to the University of Washington Press, Seattle, Washington, and asking for "Communism and Academic Freedom". This 125-page report is indispensable for anyone debating (as if it were necessary) the question of the eligibility of Communists to hold teaching positions.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO FIGHT COMMUNISM

Note the asterisks in this issue, and write letters accordingly. One of the greatest tools of the Communists and their cohorts is their willingness to deluge government agencies and legislators with personal letters which DO have their affect.

Post [redacted] of unsuitable speakers [redacted] ost bulletin board. Watch for them in public appearances; on the radio; in the movies.

Support or organize a coordinating council to alert the community to fight against Communism on any of its fronts. Write to ALERT (enclose one dollar) for a copy of the Los Angeles plan for coordinating counter-subversive activities.

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QUIPS AND BITS--THE LIGHTER SIDE

JUDITH COPLON, Brooklyn born girl who once won a "Good Citizenship" award at Barnard College and who now stands indicted for supplying classified government documents to an alleged Soviet spy, has an alibi. Her lawyer told the arraigning judge that she was, "a very serious minded girl merely gathering material for a book." Asked why his client had to shake off several FBI operatives trailing her and to spend two hours zig-zagging across New York before she met the Russian "engineer" Gubitchev, the lawyer replied, according to the papers, that meeting foreigners was as natural for a Washington working girl as, "Frenchmen kissing a lady's hand -- it didn't mean very much." It is entirely possible, we suggest, that Gubitchev, the United Nations "engineer" is also a literary agent and ghost writer on the side. Clever people these Russians.

THINGS ARE TOUGH ALL OVER DEPARTMENT

A Daily Worker advertisement: "Former government worker forced out by the loyalty purge; experienced cultural, musical field. Competent organizer, available for employment. Accept shop, organization job, anything." (Not a paid advertisement.)

Soviet Art, published in the U.S.S.R., recently unmasked a dangerous bourgeois counter-revolutionary. In typical Commie gobbledygook, it breathlessly informed its readers that a certain circusman named Kuznetsov had, "unrestrainedly praised the decayed circus art of capitalist countries which offered ideologically empty numbers and attractions." The Soviet journal "unmasked the cosmopolite-theoreticians and formalistic directors who have planted in the arenas of Soviet circuses alien bourgeois tendencies." Whether these "alien bourgeois tendencies" were secretly disseminated by Jo-Jo the dog-faced boy, the Bearded Lady, or Pinhead Pete was not stated in Soviet Art.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

Los Angeles, California
April 6, 1949

Director, F.B.I.

RE: UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE
District #18
The American Legion
Information Concerning

Dear Sir:

Invitations were issued by JAMES J. GAMBS, chairman of the 18th District, Un-American Activities Committee, and member of the Department Un-American Activities Commission of the American Legion, to attend a "Counter-Subversion Conference" to be held at Pasadena Legion Post 13, 131 North Marengo Avenue, Pasadena, California, on Sunday, March 6, 1949 from 9:30 to 4:30 P.M. According to the invitation this conference was to be in the form of a "school of instruction, for key people, in subversive activities including the latest effective techniques in counter attack".

Admittance to this conference was limited to those individuals who had executed a completed application form and invited guests.

It has been ascertained through contact with [redacted] a member of the Anti-Subversive Squad of the Los Angeles Police Department, who in turn secured the information from an undisclosed member of the American Legion, that the following individuals addressed this conference: Chairman, JAMES J. GAMBS, member of Pasadena Post 13.

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The first speaker was RICHARD E. COOMBS, Chief Counsel of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities, the State of California who reportedly was the main speaker for this conference. Other speakers who addressed the conference or led in the discussion of forums which were conducted included the following: ED GIBBONS, co-editor of "Alert" Magazine; RABBI MAX J. MERRITT, Executive Director of the Los Angeles Branch of the American-Jewish League against Communism; KARL BAARSHLAGE, reportedly representing

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the National Office of the American Legion; COL. FRANK WEAVER, U.S. Army, Reportedly one of the officers in charge of the liberation of the Buchenwald Concentration Camp; SENATOR NELSON S. DILLWORTH, a member of the Senate Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities who discussed the topic of the Communist infiltration into the California schools; GEN. GEORGE FISCHER reportedly one of the key speakers at the last conference held by the American Legion in 1948; and MISS MARGARET KERR of the Better America Federation.

It was further reported that at the conclusion of the conference the assembled members and guests viewed a televised broadcast from 4:00 to 4:30 P.M. of a debate between ED GIBBONS and NORMAN JACOBY, editors of "Alert" Magazine and JOHN McTERNAN and CHARLES KATZ, attorneys at law, who debated the topic "Are Loyalty Checks Constitutional". It was reported that approximately two hundred individuals were in attendance at this meeting.

[redacted] reported that to his knowledge no member of the Los Angeles Police Department officially attended this conference and that information in the possession of his office as secured [redacted] had been received from a confidential but reliable source. The above is provided for informational purposes. b7D b6 b7C

Very truly yours,

R. B. Hood

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

The May Day parade in New York and the Party's "First Annual Veterans' Encampment" in Washington, D.C., on May 8-9 high-lighted Communist activity during the past month. The recruiting drive also continues to hold the spotlight, heavy emphasis being laid on the recruitment of veterans and workers. Four thousand new members have allegedly been secured in New York state. The Varga theme song of the coming depression in this country is heavily stressed at every opportunity by Communists and their camp followers in articles, broadcasts, and other propaganda media. STALIN in his final interview with Secretary of State MARSHALL intimated that Soviet foreign policy would coast along in neutral gear for the time being until the United States was plunged into the worst crisis in its history when a more "reasonable attitude" might be forthcoming. American Communists are following this line. Alex BITTELMAN, leading C.P. theoretician, had a long "economic" article in May's Political Affairs setting forth in great detail the "line" for C.P. speakers and writers to follow in predicting the crash to come.

Dependable but unverifiable sources of information claim that the Communists have opened up three secret training camps in the East comparable to the former notorious "Red Annapolis" at Camp Nitgadaigit" in the New York Catskills for specialized training in rioting, mass demonstrations, sabotage, and other forms of "direct action" more or less dropped during the past twelve years for widespread publicity and mass organization pressure methods. With anticipated increased unemployment, housing crisis, inadequate veterans' subsistence allowances for students, etc., the Communists hope to be able to capture and exploit mass social discontent in various forms of violent demonstrations, seizures of housing projects and legislative assembly halls, and similar forms of strong

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stuff. During the past twelve years of peaceful and non-violent collaboration and infiltration tactics the Party evidently neglected the training of real revolutionary cadres and is now hastily making amends. This neglect, needless to add, is another charge in the long list of indictments against the fallen fuehrer BROWDER and his "treacherous revisionist line."

Loss of radio time by such pro-Soviet "news interpreters" as Lisa SERGIO, Frank KINGDON, William GAILMORE, and fourteen others is also a very sore point with the comrades and the subject of much embittered lament as well as plotting ways and means of recapturing these lost strategic positions permitting communist poisoning of public opinion. This serious reverse has been somewhat offset by the hiring of [redacted] as news commentator on a nationwide network under the auspices of the Communist-dominated UNITED ELECTRICAL RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA. A "VOICE OF FREEDOM COMMITTEE" has been set up to return these muted "liberal" voices to the radio waves and to keep other "progressive commentators" on the air. (Add to list of C.P. front organizations in your records).

MAY DAY PARADE. The Daily Worker claimed 80,000 in line after boasting before the parade that 100,000 would march. Newspaper estimates varied from 30,000 to 40,000 but the New York Police Department counted only 27,550. Three hundred veterans including thirty officers marched in uniform or parts of uniforms shouting, "One, two, three, four! -- we don't want another war." Banners, floats, and shouted slogans indicated that the Muscovites do not like the Truman Doctrine, the House Un-American Activities Committee, British or American "imperialism", or military use of the atomic bomb. The Socialist CALL pointed out that five non-union bands were used in the parade and that the comrades refused to pay union wage scales to their marching musicians.

At the conclusion of the parade Wm. Z. FOSTER addressed the marchers. FOSTER had just returned from a European tour of several months. He was "amazed to see with what insolence the great capitalists are trying to force our country into fascism and war. That's what Hitler tried. And where is Hitler today? And where is the labor movement of Europe today? The Communist Party will continue to march in America in spite of anything the reactionaries of the U.S. do. This demonstration is but a foretaste of greater demonstrations to come."

Other Fosterisms enunciated after landing by America's No. 1 Communist included: "I saw a new Europe being born and I feel like a man coming from a new world to an old world. There are a few bad spots -- Spain, Turkey, Greece and Austria -- but generally the continent is moving towards democracy, in many instances toward Socialism." He also claimed that the people of Europe were "shocked" by the "wholesale attack in Congress against trade unions and the attacks on the Communist Party are viewed as most sinister. The peoples of Europe are hoping that a man like WALLACE helps reorganize America in the spirit of ROOSEVELT and prevent the mad careening toward Fascism", he added. He also paid his respects to the House Un-American Activities Committee by saying, "Those morons on the Un-American Committee are finding out that it's not so easy to outlaw the C.P. because the people see it as an attack against all the people's liberties."

The Communists' First Annual Veterans' Emcampment held in the nation's capital May 8 and 9 drew about 450 alleged veterans to Washington. Thirty-six state signs were counted but the C.P. press admitted that only twenty-three states were represented. A few of the delegates wore first or second lieutenants bars on their overseas caps along with service ribbons. The Daily Worker claimed that there were twenty-eight officers and 386 enlisted men, of which latter number 257 were nine corporals or sergeants. Collectively they claimed the right to wear 1019

battle stars, 44 Purple Hearts, 21 Bronze Stars, 6 Silver Stars, 107 Air Medals, 9 Distinguished Flying Crosses; 44 Presidential Citations, two Legions of Merit, and one Distinguished Service Cross. The daytime proceedings were limited to closed sessions! The night meeting was attended by about 1500 curiosity-seekers, government and military intelligence agents, Communists and sympathizers, and was covered by the newspapers.

The real purpose of the encampment was disclosed by the identities of the speakers and the central controlling thought of their extemporaneous remarks and prepared speeches. The C.P. is quite evidently smarting under and taking quite seriously the "foreign agent" tag being more and more firmly tied to the Party by the Canadian spy trial disclosures, government and state hearings, books, magazine articles, and by other means. The Communist Party's 15,000 members in uniform during the war -- they significantly have steadfastly refused to disclose their actual war dead in numbers -- the decorations and citations won by a few of their outstanding heroes, and "loyalty and devotion of American Communists to the war effort" were heavily stressed and accented by way of refutation of the foreign agent charge. A charge which the Daily Worker of May 7th admitted, "of all the lies we Communists have to contend with, the slickest and hardest to handle, is the foreign agent lie."

Speaker after speaker, including the widow of a Communist U.S. Army Captain killed in action stressed the unfairness of tagging as subversives and foreign agents men and women who had served and fought in every armed service of the United States on every one of our far-flung fronts. The Soviet Union was scarcely mentioned but the attack was vigorously pressed home against our "native American fascists and imperialist war-mongers." The significant question as to why these Communists would have fought at all in the last war if Russia had been involved was naturally not raised.

The U. S. Army has belatedly announced that in the future it would segregate known Communists and make every effort to prevent crypto-Communists from obtaining commissions or infiltrating into so-called "sensitive positions". Representative DONDERO of Michigan told the House that he could not understand how the Army hoped to free itself of Commies when it advertised for recruits in Communist newspapers. He referred specifically to U.S. Army advertisements in the Italian language L' Unita del Popolo, a New York party-line publication whose editor, Michael SALERNO, admits being a Communist.

LAPIN in the West Coast Daily Peoples World complains bitterly that a few years ago only a few "hardbitten professional red-baiters, who picked up an occasional thirty pieces of silver, worked in the anti-Communist vineyard." He bewails the fact that today this "once tough racket" has attracted literally thousands of new and unknown "red-baiters" and that the profession has become entirely respectable in the public mind because most of these newcomers appear to be "zealous amateurs." New York Communists in private conversations admit their chagrin and annoyance that first class smear jobs performed in the past on such outstanding anti-Communists as Jan VALTIN, Alexander BARMINE, Ben STOLBERG, Eugene LYONS, Isaac Don LEVINE, Max EASTMAN and others apparently have had no deterring effect whatever on a "whole new crop of red-baiters crawling out of the woodwork by the hundreds to clean up the heavy gravy in this new racket."

Louis BUDENZ, author of This Is My Story and latest top-rank Communist to desert the C.P., has slipped down from Number One position in the Communist Hooper rating of unpopularity. An analytical breakdown of the C.P.'s temperature chart for the past month, as reflected in its various publications and publicity outlets, shows that the House Un-American Activities Committee's visit to Hollywood; the United States Chamber of Commerce's pamphlet "Communists Within the Labor

Movement"; the Peoria Robeson "incident"; and Victor RIESEL of the N. Y. Post were the four main factors causing Communist hypertension. Various college bans against American Youth for Democracy, The Truman Doctrine, General DE GAULLE, the Marzani case, Pulitzer prize-winner Fred WOLTMAN, and U. S. government plans of checking employee loyalty under a presidential executive order were contributory factors to commy high blood pressure.

In passing it is amusing to note that nearly all Communist writers have now dropped the stereotyped cliche', "It is no accident" exposed in the BAARSLAG articles in January and February issues of the American Legion Magazine for other synonymous forms such as "It is not at all accidental.".

The Daily Worker claims that an "aroused" Party during the past four months has issued 4,500,000 leaflets and 2,000,000 pamphlets. It put on 110 radio broadcasts and paid for 150 full page ads in 125 newspapers with a combined circulation of ten million readers.

N. Y. Coos Infiltrate C.P. Scripps-Howard staff writer and Pulitzer prize-winner Fred WOLTMAN described in a feature article recently how the N. Y. Police Department planted twenty-eight young policemen and policewomen in the Communist Party in 1939 in order to keep an eye on possible sabotage efforts by the commies in time of war. So well did they infiltrate that one became an international courier carrying secret verbal information to a Comintern agent in Portugal, others became section organizers and educational directors and convention delegates. One of the policewomen became a recording secretary of a district branch. She marched in a May Day parade and as she passed her policeman-husband on d at Union Square she had the satisfaction of shaking a clenched fist under h nose and yelling, "You Cossack!" at him.

The squad was de-activated at the end of the war but the Communists already suspected a number of the undercover cops. The theory is that Party spies somehow got hold of a police payroll classification list. Each police operative was summoned before a special counter-intelligence commission of the C.P. where a photographer snapped his picture and five or six Communists searched the policeman for police identification papers. All C.P. credentials were confiscated, the policeman told that he was a spy, and he was booted out. One of these undercover police agents, a Negro, identified Carl Aldo MARZANI at his trial in Washington and testified that he had attended closed C.P. meetings with MARZANI. The Daily Worker was quite unhappy about the whole matter.

COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT

Informed anti-Communist circles in New York and Washington are perturbed and annoyed at the government's delay in carrying out the President's Executive Order of last March. Some are also inclined to be suspicious of the extremely high figures (twenty-five to forty million dollars) estimated as required to finance the probe, feeling that such a tax burden may alienate many economy minded Congressmen and citizens. As one pointed out, "The U. S. Chamber of Commerce claims there are 400 Communists in the Federal government. If all of them are exposed and purged the individual cost would be the fantastic sum of $100,000 per commy ousted. Even the most ardent anti-Communists would gag at such extravagance. Suppose the purge costs only $25,000,000 the lowest estimate, and a grand total of 5,000 commies uncovered and ousted, an extraordinarily high figure of subversives which no reliable agency has even approached in its estimates, the cost per commy caught would be $5,000 or the equivalant of a full year's salary for an investigator. If only one thousand are caught -- a more reasonable number -- the per capita cost would have been $25,000 -- an utterly outrageous figure."

A highly placed and extremely well-informed government official and Legionnaire expressed serious doubts that the projected loyalty boards would prove very effective. It was his opinion, based on twenty-five years of dealing with this problem, that the Communists and their powerful secret allies in the government would speedily sabotage the whole machinery for trying loyalty cases. He pointed out that the first suspect called before such a board would learn the identities of the board members. These members would then be subjected to a typical smearing, subtly and indirectly applied, so that in time it would be exceedingly difficult to find suitable officials willing to serve on such boards so that the calibre of the boards would progressively deteriorate to a point where incompetent members and arbitrary rulings would discredit the whole set-up and bring it into public disrepute. The famous Shirley Temple and Christopher Marlowe cases before the old Dies Committee were offered as a classic example of what clever Communist sabotage could do to discredit loyalty proceedings in the public mind. This government official saw no good reason why suspected subversives should enjoy the right personally to face the loyalty boards. The charges against them could be presented in writing, he pointed out, with ample legal safeguards for written replies and defense.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN LABOR UNIONS

As a result of recent convention action the Hotel and Restaurant Workers union, (A.F.L.) International Executive Board is now entirely free of Communists. Several New York locals, however, remain heavily infiltrated if not completely under Communist domination.

The CIO Industrial Union Council of Pennsylvania embracing some 600,000 members in various CIO unions amended its Constitution recently to prohibit Com-

munists or sympathizers from holding office in the Council.

All the big news associations and usually alert journalists completely muffed an important resolution passed by a majority vote at a joint A.F.L. and C.I.O. maritime conference held in Washington last March. Five A.F.L. marine unions, one independent and four C.I.O. unions including the National Maritime Union and American Communications Association convened to discuss mutual problems facing the maritime workers. With the C.I.O. Communists vehemently protesting and pleading for "unity" the conference by a 5 to 4 vote called on all seagoing unions "to reject Communists as traitors to the nation and to unionism."

A New Front is Born. Latest meteorite to flash out of nowhere into the Communist solar system was duly reported in the May 1st issue of the Daily Worker -- the CITIZENS COMMITTEE TO DEFEND LABOR. As if to refute and embarrass "red-baiters" the newly born front boasted an imposing list of respectable god-fathers. President William GREEN of the A.F.L., Paul O'DWYER (brother of New York's Mayor), James Waterman WISE, and a number of other respectables are used to cover up the presence of such out and out C.P. professional fronters and perennial camp followers as John ABT, Stanley ISSACS, J. Raymond WALSH, Bishop Francis McCONNELL, the Reverend William Howard MELISH (recently lauded by Pravda as a true friend of the Soviet Union) and the usual list of sponsors associated with C.P. enterprises of this sort. The percentage of reverend clergymen was somewhat higher than usual in such sponsorship lists of dubious C.P. fronts.

United Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers CIO. Local unions of this Communist bedevilled C.I.O. union continue to disaffiliate and to join the Provisional Metal Workers Council temporarily hooked up with the non-Communist Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, CIO. The P.M.C. now has some 50 seceded locals of the UMMSWA totalling well over 50,000 members. Three executive committee mem-

bers including Charles MOYER, Secretary-Treasurer of the UMMSWA, have resigned charging Communist dictatorship over their union. MOYER charged publicly that the last union elections had been stolen and that "an outside group having no connection with the American trade union movement" controlled the International.

American Newspaper Guild, New York. The New York Guild long controlled by the Stalinists had an election last month with surprising results. Fifteen delegates were to be selected for the 1947 Sioux City Convention. Jack RYAN, Executive Vice-President, called a Communist by A.N.G. President Milton MURRAY ran a bad 17th until saved by the mail ballot to place No. 12. The delegation will consist of six non-Communists, six neutrals acceptable to both sides and three party-liners. Confident party-liners took a bad beating.

United Chemical Workers, CIO. Resistance to infiltration of Communists into positions of leadership, "no matter how minor" was urged upon all locals of that CIO union by its International Executive Board. Locals were offered the assistance of the national organization in identifying C. P. fronts which they were urged not to join. The resolution was adopted by a 9 to 6 vote of the board.

United Electrical Radio & Machine Workers of America. Failing in desperate repressive measures against the rising anti-Communist opposition within this strategic C.I.O. union, the Stalinist-dominated General Executive Board has formally ordered the dissolution of the U. E. Members for Democratic Action, a caucus composed of all anti-Communist elements and locals. This latest move of the GEB came fast on the heels of an intense campaign of personal calumny and vituperation, lies and insinuations, and out and out terrorism in very best Communist tradition. The membership was treated to a deluge of party-line propaganda linking all oppositionists with "sinister anti-labor and fascist forces." Swarms of paid C. P. minor officials carried out a reign of terror with suspensions and expulsio

on framed up charges against outstanding opposition leaders. Philip MURRAY's recent order directing the dissolution of the CIO Committee for Democratic Trade Unionism, a strong caucus of all anti-Communist leaders within the CIO, naturally served to encourage the Stalinists in control of the UERMWA to do likewise against their own rising opposition.

THE LEGION vs. COMMUNISM

The Americanism Division requests that all Department Adjutants and others receiving this MONTHLY SUMMARY give the widest possible dissemination to our request that all Legionnaires forward to the Division at National Headquarters all leaflets, clippings, and other printed material bearing on subversive activities, front organizations, hate groups, and fascists in their local communities. Such material is highly important in preparing this MONTHLY SUMMARY and keeping our files up to date so that the Division can be of greater service in answering inquiries which should be forwarded through the appropriate Department official.

OTHER COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES, THE "FRONTS", AND MISCELLANEOUS

The Daily Worker of May 18th carried the birth and christening announcements of yet another newly born front -- THE COMMITTEE TO AID THE FIGHTING SOUTH. City Councilman Benjamin DAVIS, Jr., a Communist and Millard LAMPELL, a pro-Communist writer are co-chairmen. "The Committee plans to support publication of progressive state newspapers and pamphlets in the South and educational work among Southern farmers and sharecroppers. It will also aid the SOUTHERN NEGRO YOUTH CONGRESS in its battle against the white primary, etc. It is helping to finance the Southern edition of the WORKER and the activities of Communists and other militant forces in the South."

COUNTERATTACK, a new newsletter on Communist activity, devotes considerable space to exposing the NEW COUNCIL OF AMERICAN BUSINESS, a front, set up about a year ago, designed to ensnare "progressive" businessmen. Wendell BERGE, formerly assistant Attorney General of the United States, resigned from the federal service to become general counsel of N.C,A.B. A long list of Communists, pro-Communists, and consistent camp followers of the C.P. makes up the roster of officers and directors of this booby trap for American businessmen.

Henry A. WALLACE and the P.C.A. The former vice president of the U.S. addressed a PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS of AMERICA rally of 22,000 in Chicago on May 14th. While claiming to be a bona-fide liberal organization, the P.C.A. used typical commy tactics in conducting the meeting and the usual galaxy of camp followers and trained seals of the C.P. were on hand to give their usual type of performance. Paul ROBESON, in addition to singing, urged "Liberals, Socialists and Communists" to support Wallace and the P.C.A.'s program. R. J. THOMAS of the United Auto Workers attacked "reactionary" leaders of industry as "Fascists". J. Raymond WALSH, Research Director of the C.I.O., adopted a humorous, bantering line ridiculing those afraid of the Communists or opposed to their viewpoint. Zero MOSTEL ridiculed President Truman's loyalty program. The Negroes in the audience, apparently feeling that Robeson was more pro-Communist than pro-Negro, appeared apathetic to ROBESON's oratory except for the obvious Communist claque which applauded and cheered almost as enthusiastically as large sections of white women. WALLACE received a fifteen minute hysterical ovation.

Communists are reported busy as proverbial beavers in the Negro wards of Chicago. Mrs. William L. PATTERSON, wife of the leading C,P. functionary for Illinois is in charge of the $55,000 DuSable Community Center.

The NEW LEADER of New York, an excellent liberal paper which keeps a watch-

ful eye on all the latest twists and shifts in the Communist Party line, reports an incredible racket being carried on in this country without benefit of F.B.I. attention or prosecution. "Individuals with relatives in Soviet-dominated police states are being solicited for contributions (in Slav-American communities) to pro-Communist causes and for declarations in support for the unrepresentative governments of these countries. There are broad hints that their relatives will suffer if the solicitations are disregarded." The newspaper goes on to comment that if our present laws against blackmail and extortion are not ample to cover this sort of intimidation they should be strengthened and enforced.

AMERICAN YOUTH for DEMOCRACY. The excellent Congressional pamphlet released by the House Un-American Activities Committee on this organization and the nation-wide campaign of exposure with the resultant banning of this C.P. subsidiary from several college campuses has needled the Communists into caustic comment in their press. PEOPLES WORLD, Chicago STAR, and numerous other C.P. organs are devoting an increasing amount of space to defense of A.Y.D. as a "bona fide, democratic youth organization."

The Veterans Session of Hunter College, New York, adopted a rather unique attitude and policy. A.Y.D. was chartered by Hunter over two years ago. Instead of banning this renamed youth section of the C.P., Hunter's faculty posted public notices to all students warning them that AYD "is inspired and dominated by Communists and devoted to the spread of Communism and to recruitment of members for the Communist Party from among the students of American colleges."

Quick Death of a Front. Another Communist front died practically aborning due to the alertness of a New York newspaperman, Pulitzer prize-winner Fred WOLTMAN, of the New York World-Telegram. The AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH ITALY was launched with a great deal of fanfare and a long list of prominent spon-

sors: The Governor of Rhode Island, John PASTORE; Peter GRIMM, President of the N. Y. State Chamber of Commerce; Fannie HURST; Jan KIEPURA; Jimmy (Schnozzle) DURANTE and many others. None of these celebrities had ever lent their names to C.P. fronts. Tucked away, however, in the fine print were such hardy old perennials as Max YERGAN, Canada LEE, Eugene P. CONNOLLY, Rockwell KENT, and Frederick Vanderbilt FIELD, all of non-Italian origin but sharing a mutual penchant for sponsoring indubitable C.P. fronts.

WOLTMAN established that the society's initial financing came from another non-Italian, Irving POTASH, self-admitted Communist and official of the Furriers Union. The society's birth announcement rated two column headlines in the Communist Italian language paper L'UNITA DEL POPOLO. WOLTMAN than developed the fact that the non-Communist resoectables who had lent their names to the project knew little or nothing about its objectives, inspiration, or actual directing control. All or most of them quickly withdrew their names and resigned. Miss HURST told the press: "I object terribly to finding myself affiliated with political groups that have not put all their cards on the table. I stepped out today. In the future I intend to watch my step."

Mr. GRIMM of the N. Y. State Chamber of Commerce stated that he had agreed to allow the society the use of his name as a sponsor at the request of a casual business acquaintance. He too dropped A.S.C.R.I. like a hot potato with the comment: "This is the first time I have ever been landed." The public relations company handling this account quickly withdrew also when the society's real purpose became apparent. It had been forbidden to contact any liberal, labor, or civic leaders known to be anti-Communist. WOLTMAN's journalistic enterprise is an example of what any vigilant newspaperman, Legionnaire, clergyman, or other public-spirited citizen can likewise do in his own community in exposing such Communist frauds.

COMMUNISM ABROAD

Most observers and experts agree that France remains the critical trouble zone of world Communism -- as France goes; goes most of western Europe. Violent Communist attacks on General DE GAULLE in their world wide press and publicity outlets serve as a tip-off to Comintern hopes and plans for undermining this keystone to a free Europe. The Communist underground is known to have cached away enormous amounts of German and other weapons and French Communists as long ago as the winter of 1944-45 openly boasted to American intelligence officers that they would show who the real masters of France were once Allied troops were out of the country. Any attempt at a coup de etat or seizure of power from either left or right will unquestionably plunge France into a bloody civil war according to all informed opinion. French Communists are ready and only waiting for the nod from the Kremlin.

Reuben MARKHAM, distinguished Christian Science Monitor reporter for the Balkans, described a Rumanian peasant meeting he attended before Red Army officials ordered him out of the country. "About 12,000 dirt peasants gathered in a large outdoor meeting in the little town of Bae Mare. They were poor. Most of them had come for miles on foot. They were trying to protest against Communist injustice and oppression, as Communist police supervised and a Red Army garrison kept watch near by. Before the rally began the peasants had gone to church and prayed. Living a few miles from the Russian border, most of the peasants were sad, almost desperate. A number had been beaten. Their chief speaker had been attacked by Communist ruffians."

"As an American correspondent coming late, entered the football field where the meeting was held and tried to push through the crowd to get nearer to the speaker's stand, the crowd of weary and heavy-laden spontaneously began to

shout 'Long Live America!' They kept it up for minutes and would not be silenced until they 'had seen the American'".

The U.S.S.R. According to the London Economist the final complete swing around the circle from serfdom to freedom to independent landownership and back to serfdom has now been made by the Russian peasant. Two thirds of the population of all of Russia are affected by the new Communist decree putting all agricultural workers on a piece work basis. According to the British economic journal "from now on the uniform payment per working day is abolished and all agricultural wages are to be calculated on the basis of efficiency -- that is, in relation to the harvests." Sixty percent of the population of the workers! "Socialist paradise" will henceforth be paid and feed their families on a piecework, incentive basis denounced and cursed by all Communists in this country and opposed by workers throughout the world.

The N. Y. TIMES reports large flights of capercailzes and Siberian blackcock (Russian gamebirds) arriving in Sweden their mass exodus mystifying Swedish ornithologists. New York Trotskyites are not puzzled -- they believe another purge must be going on.

THE FIELD

The Cannonites and Shachtmannites (Workers Party and Socialist Workers Party, both Trotskyites) are moving toward organic unity but are bogged down in involved and tricky negotiations attempting to settle deep doctrinal differences between the two sects over the Polish Question, defense of the Soviet Union, nature of the Russian workers' state, etc., etc. Heretofore they referred to each other in such brotherly, revolutionary terms of endearment as "revolutionary scum of the earth."

James CANNON, in a long article on "Stalinist Bureaucrats" in the May 3rd issue of his MILITANT significantly writes:

> "The official leaders of the C.P. USA are indubitably the hired agents of the Stalin regime in Russia; they servilely carry out its instructions and serve its interests with every twist and turn of Kremlin policy; no matter how such conduct may contradict and injure the interests of the American working class. For that we condemn them and denounce them and wage war against them."

The I.W.W. INDUSTRIAL WORKER of May 24th reports what may prove to be another Juliet Stewart POYNTZ mystery when it raises the question, "Where is Sam Scarlett?" SCARLETT, a former American wobbly, became a leader of the Canadian C.P. only to disappear about 1940 or a couple of years after Miss PIYNTZ, a leading American Communist, disappeared from the streets of New York never to be seen again. SCARLETT had been deported from the United States and had a 27 year prison term hanging over his head if he ever again set foot on American soil. Canadian Communists wrote to his sister that he was buried in Brooklyn. The British Consul General at New York investigated and claims that SCARLETT positively is not buried in Brooklyn. Nor could the N.Y. Police find any trace of the missing Canadian Communist. SCARLETT got out of jail in Canada shortly after that country went to war and when the Canadian C.P. was outlawed he ducked underground. He was known to have been under Communist suspicion because of adverse remarks he had made on Russia after a visit to that country. "Where's Sam Scarlett?"

The Socialists also appear to be engaged in preliminary overtures looking toward ultimate re-union. They have been split since 1935. At a May Day rally Norman THOMAS, veteran left-wing Socialist and perennial Presidential candidate, demonstratively shook hands with Algernon LEE, national Chairman of the Social-

Democratic Federation. Massed red flags were displayed and a banner hung across the second balcony flaunted Karl MARX's old slogan "WORKERS OF THE WORLD UNITE!" However, virtually all the speakers denounced Communism and bemoaned the fact that the Muscovites had taken over May Day which originally was purely a Socialist holiday.

NATIVE FASCISTS AND HATE GROUPS

The Chairman of the House Un-American Activities Sub-Committee, Representative McDOWELL (Pa.) announced that his sub-committee would soon undertake a complete study of the possible threat to the Government by various native fascist groups. McDOWELL stated that his sub-committee would examine "various institutions, groups, individuals, and associations that might sow the seeds of totalitarianism in the United States."

THE NATIONAL BLUE STAR MOTHERS of AMERICA, the Philadelphia hate group headed up by Mrs. Clarence BROWN and Mrs. Lillian PARKS, are apparently finding the financial pickings rather slim. The secretary petulantly reports that a plea for contributions sent to a 1200 name mailing list netted only $18.00. A report of unknown reliability claims that Mrs. BROWN now plans to raise some real money and stimulate attendance at their meetings by having nationally known anti-Semitic crackpots and ultra-nationalists address their forums at least every month. The group uses the Tracy Building at Germantown and Lehigh Avenues in Philadelphia. <u>These Philadelphia Blue Star Mothers should not be confused with a much older and patriotic organization of the same name which was founded in World War I.</u>

Gerald L. K. SMITH is also reported as having monetary difficulties. Detroit, Chicago, and Minneapolis meetings are reported to have been financial failures. Two hundred uninspired listeners at a SMITH rally in Fort Worth came through

less than $25. Receptions were none too warm in Alabama and Mississippi and SMITH's drive in Georgia ran into trouble when he failed to secure a hall in Douglas, Georgia.

Homer MAERTZ, apparently disheartened by his recent conviction and imprisonment is reported as having discontinued publication of his hate sheet DISPATCH. Frederick KISTER, head of the CHRISTIAN VETERANS OF AMERICA has closed his Chicago office but is still publishing his mimeographed monthly. Indications are that he may quit the field entirely.

WORLD GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS

National Headquarters continues to receive numerous letters of inquiry on new "World Government" groups apparently mushrooming up overnight all over the country. Quick, preliminary checks on several of these groups failed to disclose any subversive impliactions or known C.P. fronters sponsoring or founding them. Nor has any noticeable Communist infiltration been reported. Legionnaires interested in or having any doubts about such "World Government" or "Mankind United" groups should first query their local Better Business Bureaus or the B.B.B. in the city where the new outfit is located as some of these organizations have a promotional taint. Better Business Bureaus have extensive files going back for years on professional promoters, bogus charity, and "world uplift" rackets which the Americanism Division does not have in its files and on which it does not have the personnel or facilities to conduct full scale investigations.

FORGOTTEN FACTS OF HISTORY will be resumed next month.

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The American Division highly recommends all the above works and urges their purchase and widest dissemination as part of the Legion's fight against subversion. Knowledge is power. Help place the facts on Communism and Soviet Russia before the American people.

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SUMMARY OF TRENDS AND DEVELOPMENTS

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THE SPOTLIGHT

The Mundt-Nixon Bill H.R. 5852, pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee as this issue of the SUMMARY is prepared, has naturally given rise to several new C.P. fronts. The Daily Worker of May 27 was the first to announce the birth of the COMMITTEE OF CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS TO DEFEAT THE MUNDT BILL. While the Communist Party is the proud mother, paternity is shared by the ARTISTS LEAGUE OF AMERICA, STAGE FOR ACTION, VOICE OF FREEDOM, PHOTO LEAGUE, NEW WRITING FOUNDATIONS, WORKSHOP OF THE GRAPHIC ARTS, and the BOOK AND MAGAZINE GUILD OF THE UNITED OFFICE AND PROFESSIONAL WORKERS OF AMERICA, all of them C.P. fronts or organizations infiltrated by Communists. The purpose of the organization, needless to add, is stated in its title.

A NATIONAL VETERANS MOBILIZATION COMMITTEE has opened offices at 930 F Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., also with the avowed purpose of killing the Mundt Subversive Activities Control Act. The Daily Worker for June 6 stated that "at least 200 veterans will remain in Washington until the police state measure is defeated". It also claims that "members of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jewish War Veterans, the A.V.C., and Veterans for Wallace, participated in launching the organization". The Daily Worker boasts that JUSTIN GRAY, listed by them as "former Assistant Director of the National Americanism Commission", is a member of the new "Committee". The "Committee" will keep a death watch on the pending legislation to curb Communist activity in this country.

THE COMMITTEE OF ONE THOUSAND. This Committee still lacks several hundred names to make a thousand but like all other C.P. fronts, is busily engaged in mobilizing all available resources among professional and cultural circles to prevent Senate passage of the Mundt Bill and to work for the liquidation of the House Un-American Activities Committee. Its main function seems to be securing the names of prominent Americans who can be duped into signing Party line statements under the delusion that they are defending the Bill of Rights, the Constitution, or civil liberties. The Committee was soon in trouble with the New York Police over the question of permits to conduct sound truck picket demonstrations in front of the

National Republican and National Democratic Clubs in New York City.

LIBERTY BOOK CLUB, according to the Daily Worker, is a "new left wing book club starting out today (June 10). Address is 220 West 42nd Street, New York. Its purpose: "To proclaim liberty throughout the land". Notify librarians to be on their guard.

NEW WRITING FOUNDATION. A C.P. front set up two years ago designed to snare young budding writers who have never sold anything and are attempting to get a toehold in the literary field. The Daily Worker boasts that it has developed 25 workshop chapters in fourteen states with 300 members. By training and finding markets for the literary products of such embryo writers, the Communists cleverly have them all sewed up with the Party line by the time they become established writers. This outfit is particularly active in college campus literary circles.

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THE COMMUNIST FRONT

The major change in Soviet foreign policy predicated by this SUMMARY in the February-March issue is now running full ebb tide. The recall of Gromyko, the big "No" man from the steppes, the incredible silence of Molotov, Vishinsky, Zaslavsky, and other Kremlin mouthpieces, the surprisingly mild treatment of Finland, and other similar straws in the wind all add up to at least a temporary halt in Soviet provocations and false accusations. This temporary lull is either part of the phony "peace offensive" or merely a breathing spell while new policy and new plots can be cooked up. Many experts on devious Soviet zig-zagging feel that Stalin's backfield is merely in a huddle planning a wide end run in Middle Asia or the Far East or some fancy passing combinations to satellites after having learned that line-bucking in Europe lost instead of gained any yardage. In any event an extremely dangerous period is ahead of us. All Soviet moves will probably be calculated with Asiatic cunning to lull the West back to a happy befuddled snooze that "Uncle Joe means well by us after all". The old adage of "Beware of Greeks bearing gifts" should now be revised to "Beware of Communists talking peace". Convincing the United States Congress that it presents no immediate war threat and thus

killing any draft laws and curtailing American defense plans is necessarily a m[illegible] Soviet consideration.

West European Communist are giving the new "line" away. Unlike dynamic activists they are playing possum or at least pretending to lie doggo. Three and a half million Italian and French Communists have not even pulled off a couple of good general strikes or mass demonstrations since the Italian elections two months ago. This very un-Communist passivity frankly puzzles informed observers as Italian and French Communists are quite obviously carrying out Moscow instructions and not their own natural inclinations to harrass and hamstring their own governments and economies. Maurice Thorez, Comintern spokesman for France, even offered a hand "more fraternal than ever" to the Catholics! When Parisian subway workers threatened a new strike because of their terribly debased living standards, the Communists (mirabile dictu!) opposed it on the grounds that it would "inconvenience the public". Last December they tried for weeks to paralyze completely all French transportation.

The complete falsity of the Soviet peace offensive is betrayed by an analysis of its internal propaganda as distinguished what it wants the outside world to believe. Radio monitors and those charged with day to day analysis of Russian newspapers report no appreciable reduction in Soviet war scare propaganda and constant alarming of the Russian people by bogus stories of capitalist encirclement, espionage, and war-plotting.

The American section of the world Communist conspiracy has devoted most of its energies during the past month to pushing the Wallace campaign, raising a half million dollar "war chest", and to fighting the Mundt-Nixon Bill now pending in the Senate. The Party's long delayed annual convention is now slated for August 3-6 in New York. All members have been docked a month's dues to defray convention costs. The draft resolution or Party's guiding line for all its henchmen and followers for the next period is printed in this month's Political Affairs, fountainhead of Party theoretical directives. It should be studied by all Legion Americanism officers.

Typical of quick Communist initiative was the printing in Seattle of 125,000 anti-Mundt Bill leaflets which were run off by the New World in a matter of hours and distributed within two days.

The Oregon C.P. had the impudence to seize on the tragic Vanport flood by putting out its own "Flood Aid Plan". Fifteen thousand Vanport survivors received Communist leaflets calling for a $2,000 grant by Congress to each adult survivor, immediate construction of 10,000 non-segregation low rental housing units, and a Congressional investigation to fix blame.

Outstanding Communist hootenanny of the past month was the March on Washington of June 1. About 3,000 arrived by five special trains and another 1,500 came by plane, buses, and private cars. The Capital Transit Company of Washington, D. C., obligingly placed at their disposal a fleet of chartered buses to haul them about, an excellent example of how not to combat Communism. Former Congressman Jerry O'Connell, Democrat of Montana, addressed the demonstrators and others instructed them in the ways of the Capitol and how to waylay Congressmen. They were particularly cautioned against violence and any disorderly conduct and veteran observers of Communists in action were admittedly amazed at the docility of the demonstrators when they meekly and obediently handed their picket signs to the Washington police upon demand. Uncle Joe's present policy of sweet reasonableness had soothed even the savage breasts of organized hoodlums. Discipline, its wonderful. In previous New York demonstrations attempts by the police to wrest away offensive signs invariably ended in riots with many a picket sign handle broken over a cop's cranium.

In the afternoon about 2,500 demonstrators picketed the White House led by PAUL ROBESON. The demonstration lasted about an hour after which Stalin's jolly boys betook themselves to the Capitol to buttonhole and browbeat Congressmen. In the evening the Stalinist rites were concluded with a mass meeting on the Mall near Washington Monument where more C.P. orators harangued the crowd for about two hours. Both Senators Langer and Taylor were scheduled to speak but failed to appear. About half the audience was colored. Final speaker was ROBESON who shouted after singing

three left-wing songs; "If we can't get our liberties one way, we will build a new structure to get those liberties. The struggle for peace and the kind of America we want has reached another level; we have taken the offensive against Fascism. We will take the power from their hands and through our representatives will direct the future destiny of our nation".

Most of the demonstrators returned to their homes the same day but a "death watch" of about one hundred veterans was left behind to keep an eye on the Mundt Bill (see SPOTLIGHT item).

The brazen and seditious impudence of American Communists was most effectively demonstrated both during WILLIAM Z. FOSTER'S appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee on May 28 and in a Daily Worker signed article by the same individual. This is what American Communists think of our foreign policy in Foster's own words:

> Caught with their pants down by these unwarranted and unexpected peace proposals on the part of the USSR, which have been hailed all over the world by the people, President Truman and Secretary Marshall are now busy making desperate, not to mention ridiculous, efforts to explain away the unhappy situation in which they now find themselves. They accuse Molotov of bad faith by publishing Smith's tricky note; they declare that Stalin is not serious in his offer of peace; they try frantically even to interpret the whole peace development as a new aggression on the part of the USSR.
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> One of the most insolent maneuvers of the warmongers at the head of our government in their attempts to dodge the offers of settlement made by the Soviet Union, has been to try to refer the whole matter to the U.N. for considerations. What an insult to the intelligence of the peoples of the world, our own included.

Foster's appearance before the Senate Judiciary Committee was even more revealing of Stalinist thinking and basic loyalty. After JOHN GATES, Daily Worker editor, had read Foster's statement to the Senate Committee, Foster lectured and argued with the Senators for over two hours. He called all quotations read to him by Senator Wiley from Foster's own book "TOWARD SOVIET AMERICA" as "nonsense" and refused to be pinned down on them. He did admit that his previous ideas on outlawing all religious instruction under an American Soviet government as having been "primitive" and "immature." His previous statement in 1930 that his loyalty was toward the Red flag and not the American Flag was also a "sectarian statement and in-

correct". American Communists now had "more ripened judgment and saluted the American Colors because it had served in two great revolutions -- the Revolutionary War and the Civil War".

He refused to give a straight answer as to whether he had ever deviated from official Soviet foreign policy. He was quite positive that America was out to "dominate the world". The Mundt-Nixon Bill, Foster said was "the most monstrous piece of legislation ever introduced in the American Congress" and was designed to accelerate Fascism and bring on World War III. He stressed the fact that Communists were not pacifists and would never refuse to go into the army if drafted. The Daily Worker was not the official organ of the Communist Party but it did express the C.P. viewpoint. Political Affairs was the method of communicating with Party members. There were no Communist fronts in America. The Party kept no records or membership lists nor would he supply the Committee with the single name of any other Communist.

The high spot of Foster's testimony was reached when after considerable squirming, dodging, and fast footwork, he was forced to admit that he would not support the United States in the event of a war with Soviet Russia. In the first place, Russia was a peace-loving Socialist country and Socialist lands never waged wars of aggression, only Fascist-imperialist powers were war-minded. Therefore, any war between these two countries could only be a Wall Street inspired war of aggression against Russia. As Communists are opposed to all imperialist war, American Communists would "work to bring such a war to the earliest possible end by an immediate democratic peace". Mr. Foster quite sensibly and understandably refused to elaborate on what type of "work" American Communists would engage in to stop the war. Under pointed questioning the General Chairman of the C.P. USA also assured the astonished Senators that under no circumstance would the C.P. obey any registration or other "Fascist law" compelling them to disclose their membership, finances, and other vital data even if ordered to do so by the United States Supreme Court. Several Senators were so surprised by this frank declaration on non-compliance that

they asked Foster to repeat it several times.

Mr. Foster did not have a C.P. card but Mr. Gates obligingly produced his for inspection by the Senators. Mr. Gates made the contribution that "The Highest law in political science is Marxism". He had no idea either as to total Party membership strength or how many Communists there were in Michigan or any other state.

Later in a Daily Worker column Foster also worked himself into a fine frenzy against Vic. Riesel, who writes a labor column for the New York Post. Riesel had recently reported what were alleged to be the secret proceedings of a super-secret Party confab at which Wallace's candidacy for President was first broached in inner C.P. circles. Foster denied everything, even that the meeting had ever occurred. Riesel was "journalistic rodent, shamefaced Social Democrat toilet journalist, liar" and few other choice Commy epithets. Significantly Foster ordered all Communist hatchetmen into action against Riesel and other anti-Communist writers in the labor movement "to break their influence, one of the major tasks confronting the trade union and progressive movement". "Major task" is Commy double talk for "must and do right away quick".

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WHAT THE COMMIES ARE SAYING

The lion's share of Daily Worker space has been devoted during the past month to mobilizing all C.P. resources against the Mundt Bill. Nearly every issue contained precise instructions on how to oppose the Bill as well as offering choice samples of clever lying about the Bill which could be passed along to befuddle "liberals" and other C.P. stooges. The D. W. boasted that over 500 street rallies had been organized to denounce the Subversive Activities Control Act and that the Party was raising a half a million dollars to fight any and all curbs on its activities. Stalin's "peace feelers" so-called received prominent treatment as well as Wallace's campaign. The Communists were quite pleased that Wallace had succeeded in speaking to 200,000 people and that one of their pets and darlings, William S.

Gailmore, had collected $232,650 from Wallace audiences through typical camp revival methods.

The sufferings (?) of incarcerated Leon Josephson, New York Police "brutality", Detroit Police "brutality", the beating up of Mike Migas, obscure C.I.O. steelworker delegate and Communist at his own union's convention, and picket line troubles at IRON CURTAIN showings all naturally aroused great Stalinist indignation. Phil Murray of the C.I.O. is under almost daily attack, as is the F.B.I. which is called a "vast secret political police system of the vilest sort".

In Fact lashes out against the Mundt Bill and Wall Street "war-mongering". It is always full of hot inside dope on the insidious plots of imperialist war-mongers to attack and rape poor little mother Russia. Not satisfied with 28 billion dollars of profits last year, American businessmen are now alleged to be scheming to bring on World War III with even greater blood money profits, according to this Party line scandal sheet.

The New World, Chicago Star, and Michigan Herald parrot most of the Daily Worker line second hand along with local news of interest to the Stalinists and their dupes. The New World calls the Mundt Bill a "blueprint for concentration camps and Fascist terror".

In a long "guest column" in the June 2 issue of the Daily Worker, Gerhardt Eisler, Alien Communist, still out on bail after two convictions, does a neat amalgam job of linking President Truman and Secretary of State Marshall to Hitler and Goebbels. Eisler writes, "It is not difficult to find for every reactionary proposal, nauseating speech, and dastardly deeds of American reactionaries the same proposals, the same speeches, and the same deeds in the history of European reaction, counter-revolution and Fascism. To Eisler the American Way of Life is "pure bunk" which "stinks from the rotteness of age, from misuse and abuse, from bankruptcy". With consummate Communist gall Eisler concludes his long diatribe with these significant words, "But there is one law which no one can escape -- HE WHO SOWS THE WIND WILL HARVEST THE STORM".

Foster has also been busy writing letters to AFL leaders asking their support to defeat the Mundt-Nixon Bill. Most of these leaders have been the butt of the foulest Communist slanders and attacks for years so that Luigi Antonini of the Int. Ladies Garment Workers Union, frankly admitted his amazement at receiving a honeyed note from the head of America's Stalinists. Few AFL leaders bothered to reply but Harry Lundeberg of the tough but bitterly anti-Communist SAILORS UNION of the PACIFIC returned the doubtful compliment by replying:

> All through your letter you refer to Fascism stating that your Party is anti-Fascist. Who are you kidding? There are no bigger Fascists than the Communists. The only difference between Stalin and Hitler is that Stalin went Hitler one better.
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> As a matter of fact, our organization classes the Communist Party as an enemy of the working class. As far as we are concerned, they can take the whole scabby, stinking C.P. and kick it into the middle of Siberia and let it have a taste of Uncle Joe Stalin's slave camps.

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COMMUNISTS IN THE GOVERNMENT, EDUCATIVE & RELIGIOUS FIELDS

The F.B.I.'s loyalty check program covering over two million Federal employees has dislodged at least 241 supposedly disloyal or at least vulnerable employees who promptly resigned rather than face formal field investigation. Their identities were not disclosed nor is it known how many were actually Communists and foreign agents and how many others resigned for non-subversive reasons.

HAMILTON ROBINSON, Director of the very important Office of Controls of the Department of State, resigned as of May 22 although it was claimed that he had offered to resign as long ago as last November. MR. ROBINSON had been under almost continuous fire by both Senate and House Committees over his conception of what constituted a disloyal or unsafe employee for America's senior service. Congress and Mr. Robinson were at great variance over the matter of ousting ten "bad security" risks in the State Department last year. They were finally allowed to resign without prejudice. Investigators who handled these cases claimed that most if not all of them were Soviet agents or had been in contact with Soviet agents. Mr. Robinson also admitted to a Senate Committee that he had a cousin of pronouncedly left-wing

sympathy with whom he had been in frequent contact. Legionnaire Fred Busbey, Illinois Congressman, reported the whole State Department mess in the Congressional Record and deserves great credit for opening this whole unsavory matter for the American public to see. Insiders in the State Department chalk up credit for Robinson's "resignation" largely to Rep. Busbey's tireless persistence in uncovering the facts.

The Rev. W. O. H. Garman, President of the American Council of Churches, charged in a speech at Columbus, Ohio, recently that the FEDERAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN AMERICA "was definitely anti-American. When we say anti-American, we mean to infer that many of its leaders are opposed to our American form of government and free economy, and more serious yet, that they are engaged in subversive activities which jeopardize our nation's very life", the Associated Press quotes Rev. Garman as charging.

The Melishes, father and son, rector and assistant rector of the fashionable Brooklyn Heights Holy Trinity Prot. Episcopal Church, have been having parishioner troubles. For years both the Rev. Melishes have fronted for one Communist Front after another. The younger Melish is a trustee of the Communist JEFFERSON SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE in New York listed as subversive by the United States Attorney General. In 1944 he was proud to send his greetings to the Daily Worker on its 20th anniversary. He marched in the arts, sciences and professions division of the 1947 May Day parade of the C.P. Both father and son violently protested the movie IRON CURTAIN long before it was even released. The younger Melish was one of the seven "clerical dwarfs" who last fall journeyed to Jugoslavia to do a whitewash job for Tito on "religious freedom" which badly boomeranged when exposed by the New York World Telegram, Counter-Attack, the Socialist New Leader and leading Catholic clergy. The parishiners of Holy Trinity have been divided into two factions over the "political" activities of their red-fronting rectors with a majority of the vestrymen demanding a restraint on such alleged "political activity", as marching in Communist May Day parades. The Melishes insist that their fight for

free speech "involves the freedom of every church and every minister in America." The younger Melish in defending his "outside activities" from the pulpit charged that Americans were being "inflamed by men who desire a preventive war with Russia".

Newly appointed New York City Welfare Commissioner Raymond Hilliard is getting a liberal education in Communist Skullduggery. For years Communist members of the UNITED PUBLIC WORKERS, CIO, have practically controlled the welfare and social service policies of New York City multi-million dollar relief program. Anti-Communists and Americans were harrassed or hounded out of their jobs, bogus applicants and fakers received top relief awards, relief checks were mailed to people in Florida or even out of the country, and a wonderful time was had by the Stalinists. A long overdue clean-up was ordered early this year and the new Commissioner insisted he meant business when he ordered the UPW to confine its activities strictly to union representation questions. The Commies promptly retaliated with the usual bogus charges of "persecution", "suppression of civil rights", and "vicious attempts to smash labor unionism", Picket lines with deliberately offensive slogans and finally mass demonstrations were the UPW's answer to Commissioner Hilliard's edict that they reform their ways. There are 5,800 employees in the Welfare Department. The UPW claims to represent 70 percent of the rank and file workers and 90 percent of the supervisors.

Charging conspiracy and "thought control", the Screen Writers Guild and thirty individual writers have filed suit in the Federal Courts to enjoin the movie industry from firing Communists or barring them from employment in motion pictures. The suit was brought under Federal anti-trust laws. Attorney for the plaintiffs was former United States Asst. General Thurman Arnold. All of the thirty writer-plaintiffs claimed that they had never been members of the Communist Party. Meanwhile, the ten recalcitrant movie witnesses who refused to answer questions put to them by the House Un-American Activities Committee last winter and as result had their contracts cancelled by various movie companies, have now filed suits collectively and severally demanding a total of $67,000,000 in damages, etc.

Two of these film writers, JOHN HOWARD LAWSON and DALTON TRUMBO, are under sentence to pay $1,000 fines and serve one year in prison. They are under bond pending appeals to higher courts. The remaining eight who were cited for contempt of Congress and under indictment have waived jury trials and will submit their cases in writing to the court for verdict.

COMMUNISM IN THE COLLEGES. The Daily Worker brags that the C.P. student club at Ohio State University raised $1,000 in a week towards the half million dollars that the Party is collecting to fight the Mundt-Nixon Bill. It also claims that 700 copies of the Worker are sold every day on the campuses of New York City colleges and institutions of higher learning. "Outstanding jobs are being done by City College and Queens College Communist clubs", the Daily Worker boasts.

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THE COUNTER-OFFENSIVE

Two Departments held counter-subversive seminars last month and one, New Jersey, staged a mass Americanism rally attended by over three thousand people. California held its third regional seminar at Modesto on May 16. Some eighty key Americanism officers from central California listened to an all-day program of well selected talks by Department Commander Harry Foster, our own Archie Closson of the National Americanism Commission, Chaplain Leen, John K. Chapel, Richard Combes of the State Legislative Investigative Committee, Harper Knowles, and a G-2 representative, Charles Waetherholt. New Jersey's rally was held at Asbury Park and was well attended despite the beautiful oceanside weather and other attractions.

Alabama's seminar was held in conjunction with that Department's regular convention at Birmingham May 16-17. Claude Haygood, Department Americanism Director, was Chairman. Research Specialist Baarslag of the National Headquarters staff delivered an hour's talk on Sunday night and spoke again at a luncheon the following day to which a select group of representatives of industry, labor, and the community had been invited. At the Monday morning session, representatives of both the CIO and AFL of Alabama assured the Legion of the support of their organizations in exposing

and combating Communist activities in that state.

Herndon Virginia Post #91 set an excellent example to other Posts on what can be done to combat subversion at Post and community level. The Post conducted an Americanism forum in the local high school inviting Ferenc Nagy, former Premier of Hungary who had been driven from his country by the Communists. Other speakers included Morgan Strother of the National Americanism Division and Congressman J. Vaughn Gary. One of the largest audiences ever assembled in this small community, over five hundred, listened attentively to the various speakers and asked many questions clearing up previous doubts on the whole question of world Communism and its threat to America.

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OTHER C.P. ACTIVITIES, FRONTS, AND MISCELLANEOUS

The gradual and surreptitious liquidation of PROGRESSIVE CITIZENS OF AMERICA first predicted in this SUMMARY several months ago has now been consummated in New York State. The PCA quietly merged with the Communist dominated AMERICAN LABOR PARTY of New York. According to the Daily Worker, some 500 delegates of a special convention of the New York State chapter of PCA voted on June 5 to merge with the A.L.P.

LEE PRESSMAN, former general counsel of the C.I.O. and veteran pro-Communist has announced that he will run for Congress on the Third Party ticket in Brooklyn against Democratic incumbent Abraham Multer. Pressman has been a resident of Washington for years. Multer was consistently pro-labor and liberal in his record but his support of the Marshall Plan marked him for Communist vengeance. Helen Gahagan Douglas of California, long the darling of the Stalinists and an ardent defender of many pro-Communist enterprises, likewise has been earmarked for the political axe much to her chagrin and surprise. She, too, supported the Marshall Plan.

WHO CHANGED THE LOCKS? Dr. MAX YERGAN, season fellow traveller who has recently broken with the Communists, filed a complaint with the New York District Attorney's office charging that a left wing cabal stole $900 from his office in the

COUNCIL ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS and then added insult to injury by changing the locks so that he could not enter his own office. DR. YERGAN alleged that millionaire FREDERICK VANDERBILT FIELD, DR. ALPHEUS HUNTON and DOXEY WILKERSON had illegally broken locks and entered his office. FIELD owns the building in which C.A.A. was housed. PAUL ROBESON, notorious C.P. fronter, also went to court. He asked the New York State Supreme Court to enjoin YERGAN from attempting to continue to act as Executive Director of C.A.A. YERGAN charged that ROBESON faction with seeking to capture the COUNCIL "for the purposes of a political ideology which is foreign to the American concept of life and will not result in the advancement or improvement of the people of Africa."

SECRETARY MARSHALL REJECTS SHIPLER "AWARD"

Heart-rending melodrama of the month on the C.P. front organization stage was the last minute rejection by Secretary Marshall of the annual "AWARD" of the Churchman, a pseudo-religious monthly, edited by GUY EMERY SHIPLER. SHIPLER, a veteran fronter of endless C.P. booby traps and another of the seven clerical dwarfs who undertook to glamarize JOSIP BROZ, alias Tito, for several years, has made a practice of handing out "awards" for "outstanding contributions" to human welfare and what have you. Although his paper opposed and criticized the Marshall Plan, SHIPLER this year had the temerity to offer his tin award to the Secretary of State. Some one of the Secretary's staff accepted and promised the General's personal appearance.

Enter the villains (loud hisses) Counter-Attack and the New York World Telegram. Both exposed the latest shipler enterprise as a money raising racket (dinner at $25.00 per plate and $500 contributions solicited) and a publicity stunt from which no one but the Churchman and MR. SHIPLER could possibly derive any credit or prestige. Protests piled up at the State Department which quietly conducted its own inquiry into the whole scheme with the result that Secretary Marshall sent his regrets a few weeks before the banquet where he was to accept this stupendous "honor" (loud moans of anguish from the REV. SHIPLER). Nothing daunted our hero and he next offered his "award" to the new born state of Israel by inference, daring anyone to

attack his second choice. Again the villains bestirred themselves and Major Aubrey Eban, Israeli delegate to the United Nations, expressed regrets that his country could not accept an award about which there was a great deal of controversy. Meanwhile the dinner scheduled for the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria was only a matter of days away. At the last minute a person formerly connected with the Zionist movement was found who would accept the "award". Bishop G. BROMLEY OXNAM of the New York area Methodist Church, made the presentation in the much smaller Sert room before less than 300 diners.

MR. SHIPLER assailed the Roman Catholic press for allegedly identifying American Protestantism with Communism. "Insidious distortions concerning the Churchman is another example of an organized attack on the freedom of the press which we are defending against individuals and groups who do not subscribe to the principles of American democracy", said MR. SHIPLER. The Churchman has been denounced by another Episcopal organ, the Living Church as becoming "more and more the leading anti-Catholic magazine in America". MR. SHIPLER'S Churchman in an issue last year quoted previously in this SUMMARY was also of the opinion that if Jesus Christ came back to earth today, he would be crucified by the nearest American Legion Post.

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SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THE UNITED STATES

Rep. Karl Mundt charged that "2,700 Russian spies came into this country last year under the guise of diplomatic immunity. Rep. Mundt made the statement before the House Rules Committee.

The Federal Grand Jury investigating Communist spy rings in this country has adjourned hearings for two months. A New York newspaper is planning to publish on its front page a list of all persons alleged to have been called before the Grand Jury for questioning. The total list is said to exceed 140 to date. T. Vincent Quinn, head of the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, who has been presenting the government's evidence to the blue ribbon jury at New York, has announced his resignation from the government service effective June 15. The

resignation, it is rumored, is due to Quinn's dissatisfaction with government refusal to proceed against Communist spies.

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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO COMBAT SUBVERSION

Join in a "Register and Vote" campaign in your community. Be sure to register. Get your family and friends to register, then VOTE. You can be sure that all Communists will vote. They'll be subject to "discipline" if they don't.

Watch the newspapers for Senate action on the Mundt-Nixon Subversive Activities Control Bill. If it hasn't yet passed, write your Senators a personal letter urging action. Help prepare resolutions for your church, your lodge, your service club urging passage.

Delay of action or defeat is the current C.P. objective. Passage of this protective measure should be our No. 1 objective - - - Republicans, Democrats, Socialists don't have to hide their membership or objectives - - - Why should the Communists?

Subscribe to some of the magazines, purchase some of the books recommended by this Division. Read them and pass them on.

Don't call anyone a Communist unless he has been so designated by some reputable agency. The Communists themselves revel in the misapplication of the term. They'd like to spread the impression that every liberal, every harmless but starry-eyed dreamer was a Communist; that Communists are really very harmless, peace-loving, liberal fellows instead of the ruthless, conniving agents of a foreign government which they are in fact.

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THE SCOREBOARD

Communist spies and Soviet agents arrested or indicted. NONE

Communist deported during the past month. NONE

Communists actually imprisoned upon conviction. NONE

Effective legislation passed curbing Communist activity. NONE

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RECOMMENDED BOOKS

LAST CHANCE IN CHINA	Freda Utley	Bobbs Merrill	$3.50
COMMUNISM AND THE CONSCIENCE OF THE WEST	Monsg. Fulton Sheen	" "	2.50
I SAW POLAND BETRAYED	Arthur B. Lane	" "	3.50
LENIN	David Shub	Doubleday & Co.	5.00
LOST ILLUSION	Freda Utley	Fireside Press	3.00
THE IRON CURTAIN	Igor Gouzenko	Duttons	3.00

The American Division highly recommends all the above works and urges their purchase and widest dissemination as part of the Legion's fight against subversion. Knowledge is power. Help place the facts on Communism and Soviet Russia before the American people.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Ladd

DATE: April 29, 1949

FROM : L. R. Pennington

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson
Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Miss Gandy
Mr. Pennington
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Mr. Nease
Miss Holmes
Miss Gandy

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National

This afternoon I received a telephone call from National Commander S. Perry Brown of the American Legion requesting that I come to his office. He stated he was getting ready to leave town, had a number of callers and therefore could not get away from the office.

Commander Brown stated there were two things he wanted to discuss, the first being a letter received from Assistant Attorney General Alex Campbell, together with a list of cases dealing with subversive individuals reflecting the status of each of the pending cases. I personally furnished you with a photostatic copy of Mr. Campbell's letter and the list of cases.

The second matter he wanted to discuss dealt with the Hollywood situation. He stated that newspaper articles indicated all ten of the individuals who were cited for contempt as a result of their refusal to state whether or not they were Communists are back at work in the motion picture industry. He stated that apparently all were reinstated after Judge Yankwich's recent decision.

Commander Brown stated he had just had a conference with Robert Montgomery, Hedda Hopper and General Ira Eaker relative to the situation, the conference continuing for approximately four hours. He stated that Howard Hughes who has recently discharged all employees with Red leanings, was to have participated but was unable to be present.

The plan so far which Commander Brown wanted to discuss or to have Past National Commander Harry Colmery, a prominent attorney of Kansas, discuss with the Director dealt with their conference. They are all quite anxious to undertake some type of activity in order to legally force the motion picture industry to dispense with the services of Communists and fellow travelers. He stated it had been suggested that Harry Colmery get together with Eric Johnston, then call in the motion picture moguls and inform them that the American Legion intends to circularize all of its over 17,000 posts located in every community in the country in the event the motion picture industry will not clean its skirts. He stated there is absolutely no publicity to be given this and he feels that if it is laid on the line the movie moguls will be willing to cooperate. He stated they are interested in nothing but money, do not care for the security of this country and due to the ebb of interest at the present time in the motion picture industry they frankly are badly frightened at anything which will further react unfavorably on the public.

He stated that within the past ten days he has also discussed this matter with Adolph Menjou although Menjou was not in on the conference.

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Mr. Ladd

Commander Brown stated he would like to have the Director confidentially express his opinion concerning the proposed plan and if he felt that due to his position he couldn't say anything, he would appreciate being advised.

Commander Brown stated that Harry Colmery in connection with his law business is frequently in Washington and in the event it would not be possible for Mr. Hoover to see Brown personally between May 8th and 10th when he will be in Washington he could have Past Commander Colmery talk to the Director and be assured that anything the Director said would be held in strictest confidence.

I am afraid we cannot help out in a matter of this kind

I agree. 5/3

Pennington said Brown out of city & will call him when he returns [illegible] 5/6/49

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 11, 1949

FROM : SAC, Indianapolis

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION SEMINAR ON COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES
INFORMATION CONCERNING
American Legion - National

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Re Indianapolis letter dated February 2, 1949 entitled as above.

The Springfield Office has furnished a copy of notes of the area conference held under the sponsorship of the American Legion at Indianapolis, Indiana, on February 12 and 13, 1949. These notes were made available by Miss HELEN C. NICHOLS, Secretary to the Illinois State Anti-Seditious Activities Commission. Same are forwarded as of possible interest to the Bureau.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Minnesota
St. Paul

May 6, 1949

To: The Post Commander

From: Ed Ryan, Chairman
Department Subversive Activities Committee
of the
Department Americanism Commission

The National Americanism Commission does not recommend the following speakers and entertainers for Legion functions or meetings in which The American Legion may be asked to participate. The National Americanism Commission feels that their past speeches or activities make them unsuitable and inappropriate for Legion sponsorship.

LARRY ADLER
LUTHER ADLER
STELLA ADLER
SAMUEL BARLOW
MARC BLITZSTEIN
MARGARET BOURKE-WHITE
DWIGHT BRADLEY
THEODORE BRAMELD
J. EDWARD BROMBERG
LOUIS CALHERN
MORRIS CARNOVSKY
VERA CASPARY
EDWARD CHODOROV
JEROME CHODOROV
MADY CHRISTIANS
HAROLD CLURMAN
LEE J. COBB
BETTY COMDEN
CHERYL CRAWFORD
EVE CURIE
HOWARD DA SILVA
JEROME DAVIS
MARSHALL E. DIMOCK
PAUL DRAPER
WALTER DURANTY
ARNAUD D'USSEAU
RICHARD DYER-BENNETT
FLORENCE ELDRIDGE
JOSE FERRER
HARRISON FORMAN
ARTHUR GAETH
JOHN GARFIELD
BETTY GARRETT
WILL GREER
KUMAR GOSHAL
JAMES GOW
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BURL IVES
SAM JAFFE
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MILLARD LAMPELL
OWEN LATTIMORE
JOHN LA TOUCHE
CANADA LEE
PHILLIP LOEB
PETER LYON
RING LARDNER, JR.
JOHN HOWARD LARSON
ALINE MAC MAHON
ALBERT MALTZ
ERIKA MANN
FREDERICK MARCH
MARGO
KIRTLEY MATHER
CARDY MC WILLIAMS
JEAN MUIR
LEWIS MILESTONE
BURGESS MEREDITH
ARTHUR MILLER
ZERO MOSTEL
HENRY MORGAN
CLIFFORD ODETS
SONO OSATA
MINERVA PIOUS
PEARL PRIMUS
S. J. PERELMAN
LUIS QUINTANILLA
SUSAN REED
PAUL ROBESON
NORMAN ROSTEN
ANNE REVERE
BERNARD REIS
HAROLD ROME
FREDERICK SCHUMAN
WILLIAM L. SHIRER
HERMAN SHUMLIN
ROBERT ST. JOHN
GALE SONDERGAARD
HESTER SONDERGAARD
KENNETH SPENCER
VILHJALMUR STEFANSSON
GUNTHER STEIN
JOHANNES STEEL
BUDD SCHULBERG
ARTIE SHAW
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 26, 1949

FROM : SAC, St. Paul

SUBJECT: AMERICAN LEGION
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

Chief of Police CHARLES J. TIERNEY of St. Paul, Minnesota, made available the enclosed communication received by him from ED RYAN, Chairman of the Department Subversive Activities Committee, Department Americanism Commission.

The communication contains a list of speakers and entertainers which the National Americanism Commission does not recommend for Legion functions or meetings in which the American Legion may be asked to participate, inasmuch as the National Americanism Commission felt that the speeches or activities of the persons listed made them unsuitable or inappropriate for Legion sponsorship.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

May 31, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 24 and for the fine article on The American Legion which you enclosed. It was good of you to take time out from your own busy schedule to prepare the article, and you may be sure that the cooperation which we always receive from your office is greatly appreciated.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Perry Brown

PERRY BROWN
National Commander

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May 20, 1940

AIR MAIL

Honorable Perry Brown
The National Commander
The American Legion
Indianapolis, Indiana

My dear Mr. Brown:

I have received your letter of May 17, 1940, and want to thank you for your very cordial invitation to address the Fourth Boys Forum of National Government, sponsored by the American Legion, which will be held in Washington July 29 - August 4, 1940. Although I would very much like to appear before these future leaders of our Nation on one of those dates, my plans of long standing make it necessary for me to be away from Washington during that period. I will be very happy, however, to arrange a special tour of our Headquarters for those young men any time which will be convenient for them between the hours of 9:30 A. M. and 4:00 P. M., EST, any day except Saturday or Sunday. I look forward to hearing from you again in this regard. You have my best wishes for a most successful forum.

Sincerely yours,
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Indianapolis

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THE NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS

May 17, 1949

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
The Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

NOTED

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The Third Boys Forum of National Government, sponsored by The American Legion, was held in Washington, D. C., July 30-August 5, 1948, with ninety carefully selected high school boy citizens in attendance. The Forum attracted nation-wide interest and the press throughout the country gave it a grand play.

During that week of objective training in federal government, 1948, the Forum citizens were received most graciously at the Federal Bureau of Investigation. This visit was one of the highlights of the entire Forum.

A refined and improved Fourth Boys Forum of National Government will be held on the campus of American University on July 29 - August 4, 1949. We have arranged to visit President Truman at the White House again this year, but only four of the Cabinet Departments will be visited.

I take pleasure in extending to you a cordial invitation to address the Forum some time during the week of July 29 - August 4. We will be glad to come to your office or to such assembly room as may be designated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The exact hour and date of the proposed visit can be determined definitely at your convenience some time later.

Since the climax of American Legion youth training in functional citizenship is reached in the Boys Forum of National Government, I trust you will find it convenient to accept this invitation to speak at our Forum this year.

An early reply will be appreciated.

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Sincerely,

Perry Brown
PERRY BROWN
National Commander

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- ____ Mr. Mohr
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- ____ Mr. Nease
- ____ Miss Gandy
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Cordial reply - say Dir has made plans of long standing requiring him to be away at the time

Clyde Tolson

will be glad to arrange a special tour

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Honorable S. Perry Brown
National Commander
The American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Commander Brown:

I have received your letter of May 17, 1949, and I am indeed happy to enclose a short article entitled "The American Legion," which you may feel free to use in any manner you so desire.

It was a pleasure to prepare this article for your use.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Address per the Reading Room.

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May 24, 1949

THE AMERICAN LEGION

By

John Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

The American Legion, since the days of its founding, more than a generation ago, has stood as a bulwark for the American way of life. Legionnaires, throughout the nation, have worked, with tireless devotion and irrepressible zeal, for the promotion of the cherished ideals of "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."

Great events have shaped the destiny of the world during these fateful years - events which have tried the souls of men and nations. The Country has faced innumerable problems, complex in origin and difficult of solution, arising from the ravages of war and the labors of peace. The American Legion, ever watchful of the nation's security and anxious to promote the country's welfare, has responded in magnificent fashion to every call to duty. The Legion has become indeed a tower of strength in the service of America.

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ENCLOSURE

We of the FBI are deeply appreciative of the splendid cooperation rendered us in years past by the American Legion. This cooperation, perfected more closely than ever during the critical days of the war, helped the FBI, as the governmental agency charged with the responsibility for the protection of the internal security of the nation, discharge its manifold wartime duties. We are indeed proud to have worked in the closest relationship with this great organization.

The nation justly salutes the American Legion for the meritorious work it has done and will continue to do, I am confident, in the years to come.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL COMMANDER
INDIANAPOLIS 6, IND.

May 17, 1949

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

The American Legion plans to distribute to newspapers throughout the nation a series of brief articles by distinguished Americans on what The American Legion has done for the country through some of its major programs.

We would feel greatly honored to include an article by you in this series concerning the Legion's accomplishments through its program on subversive activities.

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We will gladly prepare such an article for your approval, or you may wish to write it yourself. Although they can be of any length, we would prefer the articles to be about 250 words.

Will you please let me know whether or not we can include such an article by you in this series?

Sincerely yours,

Perry Brown

PERRY BROWN
National Commander

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Mr. W. C. "Tom" Sawyer
Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Mr. Sawyer:

I have received your letter dated June 7, 1949, and it is indeed a pleasure to arrange a tour of FBI facilities for the group of enrollees and staff members of the Boys Forum of National Government 1949 at 9:30 A. M. on Thursday, August 4, 1949.

The group should enter the Department of Justice Building at Ninth Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Northwest, and proceed directly to Room 5634 where my representatives will be happy to welcome these visitors to our Headquarters.

I would very much appreciate your advising me at your convenience as to the total number of persons making up the group.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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Boys Forum of National Government

June 7, 1949
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American Legion — National

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

This is to express appreciation for your letter of May 20 wherein you extend a courteous invitation to the Boys Forum of National Government 1949 to visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

According to our present schedule, the Forum enrollees and staff members will be free to visit the FBI on Thursday morning, August 4. Our graduation at the University is at 11:00 a.m., that day, hence we will arrange to be at the Justice Building for our visit upon the opening hour at your Headquarters.

Thanking you generously for your kind invitation and, assuring you that I will contact you or should you not be in Washington immediately prior to the Forum, your able Lee Pennington, relative to our visit, I am

Sincerely,

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W. C. "TOM" SAWYER, Director
National Americanism Commission

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An Americanism Commission Activity of The American Legion

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS INDIANAPOLIS 6, INDIANA

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson

FROM : Mr. Nichols

SUBJECT:

DATE: July 1, 1949

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Mr. Harry Guinivan, Acting Director of Public Relations, American Legion, Indianapolis, telephonically read the introduction which the National Commander of the American Legion plans to use in connection with the rebroadcast of the Director's speech to the Legion in San Francisco in 1946. The complete text of this introductory speech is attached.

On my authorization, Mr. McGuire recontacted Guinivan and told him the Bureau had no objection to this introductory speech.

Guinivan stated the records were being mailed out today to twenty-two 50 kilowatt radio stations who would use it Monday, July 4, next.

Attachment

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Introduction to Speech to be Given by National Commander of the American Legion, as read to R. F. Cartwright, 6/29/49, by Harry Guinivan, Acting Director of Public Relations, American Legion Headquarters, Indianapolis, Ind.

My fellow Americans:

This day we celebrate today, Defender's Day, is the most exclusively American holiday on the calendar. It marks the anniversary of our birth as one of the free nations of the world.

With divine help and the bravery of her sons, America has now preserved that blessed independence through war and peace, through troubled times and good, for 173 years.

It is the determined aim of the American Legion that America's independence shall continue to rise above the noise and dust of world strife, to remain forever a beacon of inspiration for those of the world's people who do not yet know the glories of real independence. Directly or indirectly, all of the American Legion's programs are concerned with carrying out that high ideal, for the Legion's members are dedicated to continue that task they begun when they put on the uniform of their country in time of war — service to the community, state, and nation.

Never, since the American Legion's inception thirty years ago, has the Legion relented in its campaign for adequate military defense of the Nation. The urgent need for continued vigilance in our military establishments should be obvious.

On our 173rd anniversary of America's independence, our blessed independence is menaced by a sinister international conspiracy. I refer to the worldwide Communist conspiracy that is insidiously chipping away our form of Government and our moral fiber. Rest assured the American Legion understands the Communist menace and is resolved to an unrelenting campaign to rout out and expose its conspirative subversion wherever it crops up within our borders.

I sometimes wonder though if all Americans realize what this Communist conspiracy is. The finest summary of Communism's nature and aims I have heard in recent years, was made before the National Convention of the American Legion in San Francisco in 1946. On that occasion, the Legion awarded its Distinguished Service Medal to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The speech with which Mr. Hoover responded to that award is as timely today as it was nearly three years ago. For that reason, we invite you to hear that address by J. Edgar Hoover as it was recorded at the National Convention in San Francisco in 1946.

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Honorable S. Perry Brown
National Commander
The American Legion
777 North Meridian Street
Indianapolis 6, Indiana

Dear Commander Brown:

I have received your most thoughtful letter of July 6, 1949, and it was indeed a pleasure to give my permission for the rebroadcast of my 1946 address before the National Convention of The American Legion.

I do hope you will not hesitate to call on me if I can be of further service at any time.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Address per telephone call to Reading Room.

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Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Please accept the thanks of The American Legion for permitting us to have the address which you delivered at the time of our 1946 National Convention re-broadcast as the feature of our Fourth of July observance.

Constructive analysis of the Communist problem is as greatly to be valued now as when you first presented this message. That is why we of the Legion were so anxious that new listeners should hear it on the anniversary of Independence Day.

I am told that the recording, to which I was privileged to preface an introduction, was broadcast by twenty large stations located throughout the nation. The American Legion is indebted to you for making possible this public service.

Sincerely yours,

Perry Brown

PERRY BROWN
National Commander

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AN UNUSUAL FILM TO WHICH WE CAN GIVE OUR WHOLEHEARTED ENDORSEMENT. THE FILM SHOWS METHOD OF RECRUITMENT OF COMMUNIST PARTY. HOW IT CAPITALIZES ON RACIAL OR GROUP DISSATISFACTIONS, HOW LITTLE COMMUNISTS ACTUALLY CARE ABOUT CORRECTING INJUSTICE AND UNEQUALITIES, HOW RUTHLESS AND BRUTAL COMMUNISTS ARE IN ACHIEVING ULTIMATE GOALS, HOW STRICT PARTY DISCIPLINE IS, HOW COMPLETELY A MEMBER BECOMES PART OF A FANTASTIC WORLD OF FEAR. A DIFFICULT SUBJECT HANDLED WELL WITH A HIGH ENTERTAINMENT VALUE. WE SHALL URGE STRONG LEGION SUPPORT.

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QUIPS AND BITS -- THE LIGHTER SIDE

You can't fool the Commies. The Soviet newspaper, Soviet Sports, has just unmasked American Boy Scouts as an imperialist device for training young robots to become bourgeois spies, strikebreakers, and cannon fodder for imperialist armies. Soviet Sports informs its readers that "under the banner of humanity the minds of these youths are poisoned with imperialist ideas." The Scout slogan that "A Scout is a friend to everybody and a brother to every other Scout" is offered as proof of the "pitiful decadence" of western world Boy Scouts.

A Soviet film Court of Honor won the Stalin Arts prize of 200,000 rubles (about $40,000 in real money). It is spine-tingling, super-duper "meller-dramer" of sinister American machinations and low dirty work to steal Soviet scientific secrets. The cabled report did not state whether Mr. Arthur Adams, chief Soviet spy in the atomic ring in this country, will be offered any bit part in the picture.

GOSH-THAT-WOULD-BE-AWFUL DEPARTMENT. THOMAS G. BUCHANAN, former Washington Star reporter, canned for being a Communist and now Legislative Director

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
National Headquarters
Indianapolis 6, Ind.

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MEMORANDUM TO: Karl Baarslag

DATE July 1, 1949
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Appended herewith is a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory in a way but which displeases me somewhat because I felt this matter to be so delicate that I did not even write about it. Instead I phone Jim Mulcare and asked him to get us the info incident to his visit and report orally upon his return. Then we got this.

Incidentally, I think I told you that this Clark woman, who stopped to see you last year, was the disgruntled former Hawaii Dept. Secretary of The American Legion who is credited with formerly "running" the Legion in Hawaii but who was removed two or three years ago. This was done in order to give the Commander and Adjutant a free hand to run the Department without her dictation.

In the light of events as they have transpired, I am sure that we were in error in not seeing that you got to Hawaii. It would, of course, involved some "finogling" to have received an official invitation, but I believe we could have sent you even if we had received a written invitation from Johnstone as Department Americanism Chairman and without a formal invitation from the Commander. Anyhow that's water under the Bridge.

/s/ "Tom"

H. C. "TOM" SAWYER, Director
National Americanism Commission

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Ind.

June 28, 1949

Mr. Henry H. Dudley
National Adjutant,
The American Legion,
777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Hank,

It has come to my attention informally that National Headquarters is somewhat critical or at least is wondering what the Department of Hawaii is doing in regard to the assembly of five speakers here on subversive activities. I am therefore going to relate the story from the beginning.

At the request of my Department Americanism chairman, I authorized Legionaire Will D. Johnstone, Jr., to attend the Subversive Seminar held in San Francisco last February. Mr. Johnstone was so impressed with the seminar that he wanted to hold a like seminar here. This Department of course could not finance any such venture so I appointed him chairman of the Department Anti-Subversive Committee and authorized him to assemble on this committee a group of other equally enthusiastic members. This committee went to work soliciting contributions from business firms having as their goal $4,000.00 which would enable them to stage the desired seminar here.

I met with this committee many times and they were hard working members all fired with a zeal you seldom find. By hard work and persuasion they secured the donations, many anonymous.

Mr. Johnstone was then authorized to call the seminar and secure the speakers in the name of the American Legion. The invitations were mailed on the Department of Hawaii letterhead staticnary to approximately 500 legionaires, local business, and fraternal men and women.

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The registering, admitting and policing the seminar was directly under my supervision. The siminar was held last Saturday, 25 June and it was very well received by all. I am enclosing two press releases.

At the close of the meeting a motion was placed on the floor and unanimously carried to have the present committee carry on to another meeting 16 July. At this meeting it is hoped that a larger committee will be formed of all the fraternal and interested organizations to coordinate the fight on communism. The siminar accomplished the mission for which it was called and I am confident the new organized effort of all who are interested in the movement will bear more fruit than if we fight the battle alone. The timing of this seminar was excellent because of our local strife, all are interested in the communistic pattern of the waterfront strike.

Mr. Johnstone has done a marvelous job in this anti-subversive committee for the Department and if you are disposed to do so I would recommend either a National citation or commendation for him.

Now I would like to pass on to another subject, that of service and rehabilitation. I am appreciative of the assignment of Jim Mulcare to train Bob Clarke as the Department Service Officer. Jim arrived last Thursday and I took him to the Honolulu Regional Office of the Veterans Administration where we were cordially received by Colonel Dickmoll. Bob Clarke will assume his duties 1 July. The financing of the program is of course one that has required considerable study. The program has been started by a donation from the Department of Hawaii Auxiliary of $500.00 and an appropriation from the Department of Hawaii general fund of $500.00.

In order to sustain the program it is necessary to place before our coming convention a resolution increasing the Department dues from $1.50 to $2.00 per capita. This is always a hard program to accomplish but I am appearing before as many of the Posts as possible explaining the necessity for the increase. It is hoped that this permanent full time paid Department Service Officer will help tap more of these 44,000 veterans in the Territory so that we will at least reach our membership quota instead of the miserable 4,300 we now have.

Now that my term of office is nearly drawing to a close, I am proposing a reorganization of the Department to effect better service and continuity of policy and program. This reorganization will be in the form of a resolution at the coming convention to create four commissions, (Americanism, Service & Rehabilitation, National Defense, and Internal

Organization). All present committees will fall under the jurisdiction of one of the commissions. Each commission will be composed of three members in which one will be replaced by the incoming new commander each year. This will provide a holdover of two members for continuity of program and policy.

If I can count these three programs, (Anti-Subversive Committee, Department Service Officer, and Reorganization) as accomplished facts after 5 August, I will consider my commandership not in vain.

Best wishes for a most successful convention in Philadelphia.

Yours in comradeship,

EARL L. HOLMAN
Commander,
The American Legion
Department of Hawaii

July 19, 1949

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Mr. R. North Shumaker, Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission
The American Legion
Clendenen Hall, American University
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shumaker:

Your letter of July 13, 1949, to Inspector Lee R. Pennington, with enclosures, has been referred to me, and we are looking forward to having those attending the Boys Forum of National Government visit our Headquarters for a special tour of our facilities at 9:45 a.m., August 1, 1949.

It will also be a pleasure for Inspector Pennington to address them briefly at the conclusion of their visit.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to send this information concerning the Boys Forum and you have my best wishes for a most successful assembly.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Tour Room
cc - Inspector Pennington, with copy of incoming.

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AIR MAIL

American Legion - National

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Mr. Lee R. Pennington, Inspector
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Dept. of Justice Bldg., Room 4539
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lee:

In line with our telephone conversation recently, the Boys Forum of National Government will visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 9:45 a.m. to 10:55 a.m., Monday, August 1, 1949.

I am enclosing a TENTATIVE PROGRAM. I presume that one loyal-to-the-Legion Lee Pennington will close out our tour of the FBI with an appropriate address. We will get your name on the revised schedule which will be handed to our boys upon arrival in Washington.

I will arrive in Washington next Monday, July 18, and will be there on through the Forum.

I will have a telephone with the Forum number placed in Clendenen Hall, American University, Massachusetts and Nebraska Avenues, as soon as possible after my arrival.

With the very best of personal regards, I am

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Sincerely yours,

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R. WORTH SHUMAKER, Assistant Director
National Americanism Commission

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM
BOYS FORUM OF NATIONAL GOVERNMENT
NATIONAL AMERICANISM COMMISSION -- THE AMERICAN LEGION
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY - MASSACHUSETTS AND NEBRASKA AVENUES - WASHINGTON, D. C.
JULY 29 - AUGUST 4, 1949

Friday - July 29, 1949

	Meeting Trains - National Guard of Honor, The American Legion
	Registration - Forum Headquarters, Clendenen Hall
	Assignment to Quarters and SECTIONS
	Settlement of Meal Expense Enroute
	Banking and Filing Return Tickets
NOON	Luncheon, Dining Hall Cafeteria (early arrivals)
12:30-3:00 p.m.	Swimming: University Pool - By card or badge
3:00	Opening Session - Orientation
	Welcome - Honorable Paul F. Douglass, President American University
	Forum Purpose and Goals - W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, Director National Americanism Commission
	Program and Procedure - R. Worth Shumaker, Assistant Director, National Americanism Commission
	Introductions
3:40-4:40	Caucus of Boys Forum Senate - Direction of Hayes Kennedy, Government Counselor - Organization of Senate, Appointment of committees to study Senate Bills
4:40-5:15	SECTIONS meet counselors in respective dormitories
5:45	Dinner (Mary Graydon Hall)
7:15	Bus to Griffith Stadium
8:30	Baseball Game - Washington Senators vs. St. Louis Browns

Saturday - July 30, 1949

6:45 a.m.	Reveille
7:30	Breakfast
	Police Quarters
	Sick Call
8:30	Bus to United States Capitol
9:00-10:00	Tour of Capitol - Capitol Guides
10:00-11:00	The U. S. House of Representatives By Sam Rayburn, Speaker of the House, and other Congressmen
	Open Forum on House of Representative
11:30	Bus to American University
12:00	Lunch - American University
1:00 p.m.	Visitation of Historic Shrines - Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument
	Downtown Shopping (if desired)
4:45-5:15	Explanation of Party Conventions and National Elections - Hayes Kennedy.

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5:45	Dinner
7:00	Party Conventions Federalists - Hurst Hall Nationalists - Clendenen Hall
10:00	Lights Out

Sunday, July 31, 1949

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30	Bus to Catholic University
9:00	Mass - The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.
11:00	Church Service - Metropolitan Memorial Methodist Church (American University Campus) Speaker - Rev. Edward G. Latch, D. D.
12:30 p.m.	Sunday Dinner
1:25	Bus to Arlington National Cemetery
2:00	Lay Wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier Ceremonials by Legion National Guard of Honor
2:30	Bus to Mt. Vernon - Visit Mt. Vernon
4:30	Bus to American University
5:45	Supper
7:00-8:00	Concert - United States Army Band, Capt. Hugh Curry, Conducting, American University Campus
8:00-10:00	Hearings on Boys Forum Bills - U. S. Senators, Congressmen and others, assisting. (Hurst Hall)
10:00	Lights Out

Monday, August 1, 1949

6:45 a.m.	Reveille
7:30	Breakfast Police Quarters Sick Call
8:30-9:15	Meeting of Committees and other Government Activities
9:15	Bus to Federal Bureau of Investigation (Justice Building)
9:45-10:55	Tour of Federal Bureau of Investigation
10:55	Bus to The Pentagon (National Defense Bldg.)
11:30	Reception and Address - Louis Johnson, Secretary of Defense
12:00	Lunch - Cafeteria, National Defense Bldg., (3rd floor) Brief tour of Pentagon Bldg.
1:30 p.m.	Greetings - 1:30-1:45 - Gordon Gray, Secretary of the Army 1:45-2:00 - Francis P. Matthews, Secretary of the Navy 2:00-2:15 - W. Stuart Symington, Secretary of the Air Force (Greetings in respective offices)

2:30	Bus to Department of Justice Building, with brief stop enroute at Lee Mansion
3:15	Reception by Tom Clark, Attorney General of the United States
	Bus to American University
6:30	Bus to Willard Hotel
7:00	Press Dinner - Willard Hotel
	Bus to University

Tuesday, August 2, 1949

6:45 a.m.	Reveille
7:30	Breakfast
	Police Quarters
	Sick Call
8:30	Bus to Capitol
9:00-12:00	Boys Forum Senate Session, Under Supervision of Joseph Duke, Sergeant at Arms, United States Senate.
12:00	Lunch, United States Senate Restaurant (with U. S. Senators and Congressmen)
2:00 p.m.	Visit United States Supreme Court Chamber
2:30	Bus to State Department
3:00	Reception and Address - Dean G. Acheson, Secretary of State.
	Brief Address - Top United Nations Representative
	Short Movie -
	Bus to University
5:45	Dinner
7:00-9:00	Boys Forum Election -- Clendenen Hall
	Band - Tiny Meeker's Music - Johnny Plant, Directing.
9:00	Boys Forum Senate - To confirm Appointments (Every enrollee a Senator - Every enrollee a federal office holder)
10:00	Lights Out

Wednesday, August 3, 1949

6:45 a.m.	Reveille
7:30	Breakfast
	Police Quarters
	Sick Call
8:30-9:30	Elective and Appointive Federal Officials Conferences
9:30	Address - Perry Brown, National Commander, The American Legion
10:25	Bus to White House
11:00	Forum will be received by President HARRY S. TRUMAN
	Bus to University
12:00	Lunch
	Settlement with enrollees - Return tickets and other valuables - Settle return travel expenses - secure any needed transportation, etc.

	Display of Pictures and orders placed. Alternate - Visit Congress in Session if temporary quarters permit.
3:30	Bus to United States Naval Academy, Annapolis Visit buildings and grounds Stand retreat Dinner - U. S. Naval Academy Motion Picture
9:15	Bus to American University

Thursday, August 4, 1949

6:45 a.m.	Reveille
7:30	Breakfast Police Quarters Sick Call
8:30	Settlements with boys Display of Pictures and orders placed Unfinished business of Boards, Commissions, the Cabinet, etc., etc.
9:30-9:50	Address - James F. Green, Chairman, National Americanism Commission, The American Legion.
9:50	Bus to the Capitol
10:30	Graduation Address - Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States (pending) Presentation of Certificates of Graduation Presentation of Certificates of Office Presentation of Boys Forum Lapel Pins
11:30	Bus to University
12:00	Lunch

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Mr. Hal LEHRMAN	American Lecture Bureau, Inc. 415 Lexington Avenue New York 17, New York	RUSSIA'S EUROPE	$25 - $50 & Expenses
Jay LOVESTONE	Programs & Lectures, Inc. 545 Fifth Avenue New York 17, New York	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS COMMUNIST PARTY	
J. Anthony MARCUS	C. Thomas Brady, Inc. 236 West 44th Street New York 18, New York	WHAT AMERICANS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT STALINISM	$300 plus Expenses
R. H. MARKHAM	[redacted] Boston 16, Massachusetts	THE COMMUNIST WORLD DRIVE ON AMERICA; COMMUNISM IN CHURCHES	0 - $350 (Hoping to get the maximum)
Felix MORLEY	[redacted] Washington 5, D. C.	General	Possibility
Karl E. MUNDT	United States Senate Washington 25, D. C.	INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST CONSPIRACY AS IT OPERATES AT HOME AND ABROAD; FOREIGN POLICY	$250 plus expenses
Liston M. OAK	[redacted] New York 14, New York	THE NATURE OF BOLSHEVISM; OUR FOREIGN POLICY; THE COMMUNIST FIFTH COLUMN IN LABOR; THE SOCIALIZATION OF EASTERN EUROPE	$100
Vladimir PETROV	School Graduate Studies Yale University New Haven, Connecticut	SOVIET SLAVE LABOR CAMPS	$50 plus Expenses
Eric L. PRIDONOFF	[redacted] San Marino, California	FOREIGN POLICY; THE A.B.C. OF COMMUNISTIC PROPAGANDA; THE KREMLIN'S PATTERN FOR CONQUEST	Honorarium if possible
Victor RIESEL	Programs & Lectures, Inc. 545 Fifth Avenue New York 17, New York	COMMUNISM AND LABOR HOW TO STOP COMMUNISM COMMUNIST TACTICS AND STRATEGY	If he is to speak in the NY area at a luncheon meeting $75; otherwise, fee varies

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Howard KRUSHMORE	N.Y.Journal-American New York, New York	SOVIET INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM COMMUNIST ESPIONAGE	$200 plus Expenses
Rabbi Benj. SCHULTZ	American Jewish League Against Communism, Inc. 220 W. 42nd Street New York 18, New York	COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION; COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES; COMMUNISM AND RELIGION	Honorarium if possible
Mr. Kurt D. SINGER	American Lecture Bureau, Inc. 415 Lexington Avenue New York 17, New York	WILL EUROPE TURN COMMUNIST?; GRAVEDIGGERS OF DEMOCRACY WHO ARE THE COMMUNISTS IN AMERICA?; POSTWAR RUSSIA	$25 - $50 & Expenses
Dr. Fritz STERNBERG	Programs & Lectures, Inc. 545 Fifth Avenue New York 17, New York	HOW TO STOP THE RUSSIANS WITHOUT WAR	
Benjamin STOLBERG	American Speakers & Writers Bureau, Inc. 70 West 55th Street New York 19, New York	THE COLLAPSE OF AMERICAN COMMUNISM	$25 - $50 & Expenses
Jack B. TENNEY	Senate Fact-Finding Committee On Un-American Activities 112 Calif. State Building Los Angeles 12, California	ALL PHASES OF COMMUNISM; WORK OF CALIFORNIA INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES	Expenses & Honorarium
Ralph de TOLEDANO	Newsweek Newsweek Building New York 18, New York	TACTICS AND STRATEGY OF COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO GOVERNMENT; MECHANICS OF COMMUNIST FRONT GROUPS	Honorarium
Alfred WAGG	National Press Club Washington, D. C.	WHERE DO WE STAND IN THE STRATEGIC MIDDLE EAST?; THE SOVIET INTERNATIONAL SPY WORKS; THE COMMUNIST PLAN OF WORLD DOMINATION.	$50 for luncheons plus expenses
Louis WALDMAN	Clark H. Getts, Inc. 430 Park Avenue New York 22, New York	THE COMMUNIST TECHNIQUE; KEEPING INDUSTRIAL PEACE	
Mr. Ernest L. VAUGG	American Lecture Bureau, Inc. 415 Lexington Avenue New York 17, New York	COMMUNISM AND RELIGION IN EUROPE TODAY	$25 - $50 & Expenses

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Prof. William Y. ELLIOT	Harvard University Dept. of Government Cambridge 38, Mass.	ANTI-COMMUNISM	$100 plus expenses within an overnight radius of Boston
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John Kuropatkin CHAPEL	[redacted] San Francisco, Calif.	INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SOVIET COMMUNISM	Honorarium
Alexandre CRETZIANU	[redacted] Washington, D. C.	CONQUEST BY COMMUNISTS OF NON-COMMUNIST COUNTRY	Expenses
Larry S. DAVIDOW	[redacted] Detroit 26, Michigan	COMMUNISM AND LABOR COMMUNISM AND GOVERNMENT	Expenses plus $150
Ralph DE SOLA	[redacted] New York, New York	FOREIGN POLICY COMMUNIST TACTICS AND STRATEGY COMMUNISM IN GOVERNMENT COMMUNISM IN EDUCATION	Expenses plus $100
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TO : Mr. Tolson

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96 boys, representing the 48 states, were taken on a tour of the Bureau this morning. The tour was accompanied by Mr. Pennington.

This group is composed of representatives from each of the states who have been undergoing citizenship instruction in the various states under the sponsorship of the American Legion. They are meeting in Washington this week in what is known as the Boys' Nation to fill out the course of citizenship training. Some of the lieutenant governors and governors, it is understood, have appeared here before them. The operation is immediately in charge of W. C. "Tom" Sawyer, director of the National Americanism Commission of the Legion.

This morning Perry Brown, national commander, talked to them in training school 1 at the conclusion of the tour, as did Mr. Pennington. They are to meet Secretary Johnson this morning and return to meet with Attorney General Clark this afternoon. Tonight they are having a banquet at the Willard at 7 p.m., at which the toastmaster will be Edward McGinnis, who is in charge of publicity for the Legion.

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HOUSING. The Senate Banking and Currency Committee, by a vote of 7 to 5, voted to report The American Legion Housing Bill, S. 2246. A full description of this bill was contained in Legislative Bulletin No. 28, dated July 20, 1949.

On the basis of resolutions adopted by the 1948 National Convention, The American Legion has endorsed S. 2246 in principle and submitted testimony in support of its adoption. The Legion is particularly interested in Title IV of the bill, containing amendments to Title III of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act. These amendments, as included in the original S. 2246, provide for:

1. An expanded secondary market for GI first-mortgage loans;
2. Increased guaranty maximums for GI first-mortgage loans;
3. "Standby" direct loans, under certain conditions; and
4. Elimination of Sec. 505a of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

These amendments were drafted in the interest of the veteran who needs a home, to counter-balance the more liberal consumer-credit aids given non-veterans under existing laws and those additional aids provided in Title I of S. 2246.

The most controversial and significant of the amendments is the one providing for a "standby" direct loan to be made by the Veterans Administration to veterans who are qualified but are unable to obtain such loans from a private lender. The direct loan would bear 4 per cent interest. As conceived by the sponsors of the legislation and as supported by The American Legion, this provision would be utilized only when applicants who are good credit risks are refused a GI loan by private sources. Its purpose is to make certain that the success of the entire GI loan program shall not be nullified by the resistance of a minority of lenders motivated by a desire for unreasonable profit or other factors not in the veterans' or public interest. Unless such a proviso is introduced into the home financing market, there is a very real chance that only a comparatively small number of veterans will enjoy the advantages of a loan-guaranty service which Congress clearly intended for all.

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Through enactment of Title III of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act, veterans were invited to make use of home financing terms embodying definite advantages with regard to origination charges, carrying costs, and low equity requirements. In administration, this Title has done more to solve the housing problems of World War II veterans than has any other legislation developed on this subject.

Perhaps the most beneficial single factor has been the 4 per cent interest rate, allowing the veteran home-buyer to keep his monthly payments within his ability to pay. Present yield rates on alternate investments provide greater reason for retaining this low interest charge than at any time since enactment of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act.

Opponents of major items in these companion bills have announced that they will offer vigorous opposition to these portions of the bill.

It is absolutely necessary and of the greatest importance that all Members of both House and Senate receive letters and telegrams and any other personal contacts from their constituents, urging their support of S. 2246, and the companion bill, H. R. 5631, as originally presented by the Legion and approved by the Senate Committee. All Members of Congress should be urged to actively support and vote for

the four amendments listed above and to resist all attempts to eliminate them from the bill.

APPROPRIATIONS. The Senate approved the Independent Offices Appropriation Bill carrying several appropriations of major importance to the program of The American Legion.

During consideration of the bill by the Senate Appropriations Committee, the National Legislative Commission presented strong arguments in favor of increasing the appropriations for the Veterans Administration, including the retention of the $237,000,000 contract authorization for the veterans hospital construction program, which was at our request restored by the House, for the Civil Service Commission and the Maritime Commission. The Senate Committee amended the bill, making up a shortage in the Veterans Administration appropriation of $24,000,000, but did not supply an additional $48,000,000, which the Veterans Administrator and Chief Medical Director testified would be necessary to activate existing beds in use and the new beds scheduled during the present year. The Committee also retained the contract authorization for hospitals. The Senate not only included the Committee increase, but further amended the bill, adding an additional $16,000,000, or $40,000,000 in all.

The Senate Committee restored $2,250,000 to the appropriation for the Civil Service Commission, which had been reduced by the House in an amount of $3,520,000. When this item came up for consideration in the Senate, the Committee amendment was defeated by a vote of 38 yeas to 41 nays. If the reduction had been permitted to stand, it well could have led to a complete breakdown of the administration of veterans preference in Federal employment and retention, and could even have resulted in creating a spoils system. The National Legislative Commission immediately started a drive to have the Senate reconsider its action before a final vote was taken on the bill. Many Senators were personally contacted and strongly urged to support a motion to reconsider and approve the Committee amendment restoring Civil Service funds. The day the bill was finally considered, on a joint motion made by Senators Guy M. Gillette (Iowa), and George W. Malone (Nevada), the Senate voted to reconsider, and by a vote of 51 yeas to 40 nays, restored the Committee amendment, adding $2,225,000 to the appropriation for the Civil Service Commission.

In connection with the appropriation for the United States Maritime Commission, the Senate increased funds for the Commission by $674,000 and also increased funds for Maritime training from the Senate Committee recommendation of $3,151,050 to $6,586,000.

(For appropriation for War Claims Commission, see "Prisoners of War").

ADJUSTED COMPENSATION. Bill introduced:

H. R. 5901, by Representative George A. Smathers (Florida), to extend the benefits of the World War Adjusted Compensation Act and the Adjusted Compensation Payment Act to certain provisional, probationary and temporary officers, or to their dependents.

AMERICANISM. The President signed The American Legion bill, H. J. Res. 170, designating June 14 of each year as "Flag Day" (Public Law 203 -- 81st Congress).

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The Governor of Massachusetts approved a law barring Communists from holding jobs on public payrolls in the State of Massachusetts.

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Immigration and Naturalization

The House Committee on the Judiciary favorably reported H. R. 10, to facilitate deportation of all aliens from the United States, to provide for the supervision and detention pending eventual deportation of all aliens whose deportation cannot be readily effectuated because of reasons beyond the control of the United States.

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Bill introduced:

H. J. Res. 325, by Representative James G. Fulton (Pennsylvania), to restore the citizenship of persons who fought in the Near East, to give relief from prosecution for certain acts. A similar resolution, H. J. Res. 326, was introduced by Representative George A. Smathers (Florida).

AUTOMOBILES. Bill introduced:

H. R. 5786, by Representative Clyde Doyle (California), to authorize payments by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs on the purchase of automobiles or other conveyances by certain disabled veterans.

CHILD WELFARE. A subcommittee of the House Committee on the Judiciary held hearings on H. R. 2143, H. R. 4565 and H. R. 4580, to provide for the enforcement of support orders in certain State and Federal courts and to make it a crime to move or travel in interstate and foreign commerce to avoid compliance with such orders. These bills are designed to eliminate the possibility of fathers deserting their children and crossing state lines to avoid the responsibility of supporting their children. In accordance with Resolution 794, adopted by the 1947 National Convention, which resolution was reaffirmed by the 1948 National Convention, Harry V. Hayden, National Legislative Representative, testified in support of this proposed legislation.

CIVIL RIGHTS. The House Committee on Education and Labor favorably reported H. R. 4453, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, religion, or national origin.

COMPENSATION AND PENSIONS. The President signed S. 266, to permit a refund of pension or compensation withheld from an incompetent veteran while hospitalized when released as a competent veteran (Public Law 194 -- 81st Congress).

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T. O. Kraabel, National Rehabilitation Director, Dr. H. D. Shapiro, the Legion's Senior Medical Consultant, and Harry V. Hayden, National Legislative Representative, presented testimony to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs in support of H. R. 5324, to increase the rates of compensation of certain employees of the Department of Medicine and Surgery of the Veterans Administration. In accordance with Resolution 508, adopted by the 1948 National Convention, Legion representatives strongly urged favorable action on the bill.

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Bills introduced:

H. R. 5767, by Representative John E. Rankin (Mississippi), to provide certain additional rehabilitation assistance for certain seriously disabled veterans in order to remove an existing inequality.

S. 2395, by Senator Millard E. Tydings (Maryland), to provide for payment of amounts due mentally incompetent personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey and Public Health.

EMPLOYMENT. The House Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments rejected H. Res. 301, disapproving Reorganization Plan No. 2, transferring the Bureau of Employment Security, now in the Federal Security Agency, to the Department of Labor.

The Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments authorized its Chairman to introduce and report a resolution on the disapproval of Plan No. 2. The American Legion supported Plan No. 2 during hearings held by both the Senate and House Committees. The National Legislative Commission is exerting every effort to secure the defeat of the Senate Committee resolution in order that Plan No. 2 may be made effective.

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Bills introduced:

H. R. 5672, by Representative Arthur G. Klein (New York), to amend the Servicemen's Readjustment Act to extend the period during which readjustment allowances may be paid. Similar bills were introduced as follows: H. R. 5788, by Representative Walter B. Huber (Ohio), and H. R. 5792, by Representative James E. Noland (Indiana).

Civil Service

The Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee favorably reported:

S. 2379 to establish a standard schedule of rates of basic compensation for certain employees of the Federal Government, to fix an equitable system for adjusting the rates of basic compensation for individual employees and repeal the Classification Act of 1923. This bill would grant a $125-a-year average pay raise to approximately 900,000 classified Federal workers;

S. Res. 15, to investigate hospitalization for Federal Government employees and to authorize $10,000 for that purpose; and

H. R. 4495, to provide additional benefits for certain postmasters, officers, and employees of the postal field service with respect to annual and sick leave, longevity pay, and promotions.

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The Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare favorably reported, with amendment, H. R. 3191, to amend the act entitled "an act to provide compensation for employees of the United States suffering injuries while in the performance of their duties," by extending coverage to civilian officers of the United States and by making benefits more realistic in terms of present wage rates.

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Bill introduced:

S. 2373, by Senator Olin D. Johnston (South Carolina), to credit for the purpose of determining eligibility for promotion all service performed by employees of the postal service who are transferred from one position to another within the service.

Civil Service Retirement

Bill introduced:

H. R. 5761, by Representative John F. Kennedy (Massachusetts), to amend the Civil Service Retirement Act.

Veterans Preference

Bill introduced:

H. R. 5905, by Representative Harold C. Hagen (Minnesota), to amend the Veterans Preference Act so as to grant certain peacetime veterans and their unmarried widows preference in employment where Federal funds are disbursed.

FEDERAL AID TO EDUCATION. Bill introduced:

H. R. 5789, by Representative Carroll D. Kearns (Pennsylvania), to authorize the appropriation of funds to assist in more adequately financing education in the elementary and secondary schools of States found to be needy. Similar bills were introduced as follows: H. R. 5791, by Representative Thurston Ballard Morton (Kentucky), and H. R. 5795, by Representative Thomas H. Werdel (California).

FOREIGN AFFAIRS. Bill introduced:

S. 2388, by Senator Tom Connally (Texas), in lieu of S. 2341, to promote the foreign policy and provide for the defense and general welfare of the United States by furnishing military assistance to foreign nations. The House Committee on Foreign Affairs is holding hearings on a companion bill, H. R. 5895, introduced in lieu of H. R. 5748.

MEMORIALS. Bill introduced:

H. R. 5772, by Representative Edith Nourse Rogers (Massachusetts), to provide for the erection of a memorial to the enlisted men of the Medical Department of the Army who served in World War II.

MERCHANT MARINE. Bill introduced:

H. R. 5898, by Representative Edward A. Garmatz (Maryland), to assist disabled merchant seamen and their dependents.

NATIONAL DEFENSE. The Senate Committee on Armed Services met in executive session with the Secretary of the Army to discuss the man-power situation in the military establishment. In view of the fact that the present Selective Service Act expires June 25, 1950, the Committee agreed that the problem was not immediate and that any action should be postponed until the beginning of the next Session of Congress.

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Bills introduced:

H. R. 5783, by Representative Overton Brooks (Louisiana), to establish a United States Air Forces Academy.

S. 2334, by Senator Millard E. Tydings (Maryland), to provide for the organization of the Army and the Department of the Army. A similar bill, H. R. 5794, was introduced in the House by Representative Carl Vinson (Georgia).

S. 2355, by Senator Millard E. Tydings (Maryland), to provide for establishment of an additional service academy.

S. 2377, by Senator Millard E. Tydings (Maryland), to amend the Army-Navy Nurses Act of 1947, to provide for additional appointments. A similar bill, H. R. 5876, was introduced in the House by Representative Carl T. Durham (North Carolina).

PRISONERS OF WAR. The Senate Committee on Appropriations reported H. R. 5300, the Third Deficiency Appropriation Bill for 1949, with amendments. The bill originally included an estimate from the Bureau of the Budget of $525,000 for the War Claims Commission, which the House reduced to $281,250. The House also inserted a provision providing that no part of this appropriation could be available for carrying out provisions of the War Claims Act authorizing the Commission to make a study of claims and submit recommendations to Congress. National Legislative Representative Harry V. Hayden testified before the Committee on July 25, urging that the appropriation be increased to $525,000 and that the provision forbidding use of funds to carry out the study and report by the Commission be stricken from the bill. The Senate Committee increased the amount for the Commission to $350,000 and also carried out the Legion recommendation to strike the provision prohibiting the study and report from the bill.

REORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS. The Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments voted to report favorably to the Senate the following reorganization plans:

Reorganization Plan No. 3, providing changes in the operation and management in the Post Office Department.

Reorganization Plan No. 4, transferring the National Security Council and the National Resources Board to the Executive Office of the President.

Reorganization Plan No. 5, making the Chairman of the Civil Service Commission responsible for operation of Civil Service programs, within regulations made by the Commission.

Reorganization Plan No. 6, providing a revision of the administration of operating activities of the Maritime Commission by vesting executive authority in the Chairman.

The Committee also favorably reported S. Res. 147, disapproving Reorganization Plan No. 1, which provides for a Department of Public Welfare to perform the functions and conduct the program now administered by the Federal Security Agency.

SOCIAL SECURITY. The House Ways and Means Committee reached an agreement to provide World War II veterans with Social Security wage credits for each month of active duty in the Armed Forces. Such an amendment to the Social Security Law long has been advocated by The American Legion, and the National Legislative Commission has on several occasions had bills introduced and presented testimony advocating such an amendment. Under existing law, the time spent in service operates to reduce the average wage of the veteran upon which his Social Security benefit will be computed, and also makes it more difficult for him to attain an insured status for Old-Age and Survivors Insurance benefits. The effect of the Committee's action on The American Legion recommendation would be to eliminate any discrimination against veterans because of their military service by assuming that the veteran would have earned an average of $160 per month during the period of military service. These wage credits would also be applicable for survivors benefits for those who died in military service. Social Security benefits would be payable, if the veteran is fully or currently insured, regardless of whether veterans pensions are also in effect. The Committee's bill is being drafted and will be introduced and reported to the House at an early date.

WAR DEAD. The Senate passed and sent to the President, The American Legion-supported bill, H. R. 2662, passed by the House May 2nd, to allow employees (veterans) of the executive branch of the Government to participate in funerals for deceased members of the armed forces returned to the United States for burial without loss of pay or use of accrued leave.

MISCELLANEOUS. The President signed H. R. 4646, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to lend certain property of the Department of the Army to national veterans' organizations for use in national youth tournaments (Public Law 193--81st Congress).

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The House Committee on Rules favorably reported H. Res. 298, creating a select committee on lobbying activities. This resolution provides for a full-fledged House inquiry into lobbying, and the investigation would include lobbying activities by Government agencies, as well as by private interests.

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Bill introduced:

H. R. 5853, by Representative John E. Rankin (Mississippi), by request, to extend certain veterans' benefits to or on behalf of dependent husbands and widowers of female veterans.

John Thomas Taylor

JOHN THOMAS TAYLOR, Director
National Legislative Commission

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